

SUPER-GRACE (Charis) [Part 2]

In our last study we introduced stage four of Spiritual Growth in the Christian Way of Life (CWL) called Super-Grace Status and the five characteristics of Super-Grace (charis) listed in 2 Cor.8:7.

We learned that God's grace is embodied in the person and work of Jesus Christ on behalf of all mankind.

(Eph.1:7-8) "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to **the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.**"

Therefore **God's grace** is the unmerited favor of God in Christ Jesus given to every of human race who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

1. Stage one of the CWL: (brepheos) A spiritually newborn believer (1 Pet.1:23; 2:2) needing the basic milk doctrines of salvation.

Paul wrote the Book of Ephesians to teach the theology of New Covenant Grace (1:2, 7-8; 2:4-10; 3:7-8; 4:7-12, 29; 6:23-24).

We will examine Eph.2:4-10 in two parts of "saved by grace."

(Eph.2:4-7) Saved by grace the five characteristics – The focus is on God dealing with the condition of the unsaved.

"But God, being rich in _____, because of His great _____ with which He loved **us, even when we were** _____ in our transgressions, made **us** _____ with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and _____ **us** up with Him, and _____ **us** with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the _____ **riches of His grace** in kindness toward **us** in Christ Jesus."

(Eph.2:8-10) Saved by grace the eight characteristics – The focus is on God saving us by His grace.

"For by grace you have been saved (eimi/ p.a.ind.2pl/ sozo/ perf.p.ptc.nplm/ perfect periphrastic) through faith; and that **not of** _____, it is a _____ of God; **not as a result of** _____, so that **no one may boast**. For we are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for _____, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom.5:12-21), being **justified as a gift by His grace** through the redemption which is Christ Jesus." (Rom.3:23-24)

"But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the **same way as** they also are (Acts 15:11; Gal.3:26-29) **50 Things FREE**

2. Stage one of the CWL: (nepios) A believer's early spiritual childhood (1 Cor.3:1-3; Eph.4:14-15; Heb.5:13) needing the advanced milk doctrines of salvation.

At this stage of spiritual growth, the believer is **developing their understanding of the theology of salvation**
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In **Rom.5:12-21**, Paul is contrasting the first Adam's transgression with the last Adam's free gift.

(1 Cor.15:22) "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive." (vs.45)

Paul contrasted Adam's transgression death with Christ's free gift of life. An example of this principle is Rom.5:12-21 –"But the free gift is not like the transgression." (Rom.5:15a)

TRNSGRESSION (to paraptoma)

FREE GIT (to charisma)

(Rom.5:15)	(for if)	(much more)
(Rom.5:16)	(for on the one hand)	(but on the other hand)
(Rom.5:17)	(for if)	(much more)
(Rom.5:18)	(So then)	(even so)
(Rom.5:19)	(for as)	(even so)
(Rom.5:20)	(but)	(but where)
(Rom.5:21)	(as)	(even so)

(1 Cor.15:10) "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace towards me did not prove vain, but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me."

It is important to have a clear message of gospel grace salvation and the clear mechanics of what a person must do to be saved - and to have the confidence to share it with others (Gal.1:3-10).

- **1 Cor.15:1-4**

"Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures"

- **Rom.1:16**

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

- **Eph.2:8-9**

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast."

- **John 10:28-30**

"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

- **Acts 1:8**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."