

The Full Meaning of Grace

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Scripture References:

- Philippians 1:3, 4, 6
- Psalm 138:8
- Psalm 138:8, *NLT*
- Philippians 2:13, *NLT*
- John 1:14, 17
- John 1:14, 16, 17, *NLT*
- Romans 8:32
- John 3:16
- Hebrews 2:9, *NLT*
- Ephesians 1:4, *NLT*
- Ephesians 2:7, *NLT*
- 1 John 4:16, *NLT*
- Romans 11:6, *NLT*
- Romans 4:4, *NLT*
- Luke 18:9-14, *NLT*
- 1 John 4:19
- Romans 5:8, 10, 20, *NLT*

Summary:

Growing to maturity is part of life. This is true not just on the physical level, but also on the spiritual level. When we get born again, God saves us by grace; He then immediately begins working in us to grow us up from spiritual infants to fully mature adults in Christ. He does this through the Holy Spirit, who demonstrates to us God's infinite love and undeserved favor.

Notes:

1. Grace is the companion who faithfully follows us all our lives and never abandons us. The continuation of being *saved* by grace is our *discipline* by grace. The same grace that saves us also matures us spiritually.
2. All grace and truth come from Christ. Grace does not excuse sin but leads us out of it. Grace is not a license to sin; it actually teaches us to live godly lifestyles.
3. Grace is the operation of God's love for those who believe and receive Jesus. Religion focuses on how much we should love God; grace focuses on how much *He* loves *us*. We must believe in this love.
4. We could never do enough good things to deserve God's favor. It is a gift of love.
5. Unlike the law, grace is favor toward those who deserve the opposite. Because of grace, we do not receive the bad things we deserve.

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