



*Applying the Atonement
of Jesus Christ*

Four Aspects for Applying the Atonement of Jesus Christ:

- 1. Kaphar (Hebrew) - To cover; appease, cleanse - Mercy*
- 2. Katallage (Greek) - Restoration to [the divine] favor, to reconcile - A Change of Heart*
- 3. Kafat (Aramaic) - A close embrace - Divine Help or Grace*
- 4. Atonement (English) - To set at one again - Become like God. Christian Science - The state of union with God in which man exemplifies the attributes of God*

Ezekiel 36:25-28

A group of people in white robes, some kneeling and some standing, in a dimly lit setting. The scene appears to be a religious or historical gathering. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.

Ezekiel 36:27

“And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.”

Kafat (Aramaic) - a close embrace - Divine Help or Grace

Bible Dictionary

Grace -- The main idea of the word is divine means of help or strength, given through the bounteous mercy and love of Jesus Christ.... it is through the grace of the Lord Jesus, made possible by His atoning sacrifice, that ... individuals, through faith in the Atonement of Jesus Christ and repentance of their sins, receive strength and assistance to do good works that they otherwise would not be able to maintain if left to their own means. This grace is an enabling power that allows men and women to lay hold on eternal life and exaltation after they have expended their own best efforts.



David A. Bednar

*“In the Strength of the Lord”, BYU-
Idaho Devotional, January 8, 2002*

“I frankly do not think many of us “get it” concerning this enabling and strengthening aspect of the atonement, and I wonder if we mistakenly believe we must make the journey from good to better and become a saint all by ourselves, through sheer grit, willpower, and discipline, and with our obviously limited capacities.”

So, how do we “get it” and obtain Grace? *2 Nephi 25:23*



Dieter F. Uchtdorf
“The Gift of Grace,”
General Conference, April 2015

“I wonder if sometimes we misinterpret the phrase “after all we can do.” We must understand that “after” does not equal “because.” We are not saved “because” of all that we can do. Have any of us done all that we can do? Does God wait until we’ve expended every effort before He will intervene in our lives with His saving grace?”



“Many people feel discouraged because they constantly fall short. They know firsthand that “the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” They raise their voices with Nephi in proclaiming, “My soul grieveth because of mine iniquities.”

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"I am certain Nephi knew that the Savior's grace allows and enables us to overcome sin. This is why Nephi labored so diligently to persuade his children and brethren "to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God."
After all, that is what we can do! And that is our task in mortality!"

Alma 24:10-12



The Savior's Grace

Luke 22:41-44

Alma 7:11-14

Hebrews 4:14-16



C. S. Lewis
Mere Christianity, 109-110

Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is ... You find out the strength of a wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later.... Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means.



The Savior's Grace

Luke 22:41-44

Alma 7:11-14

Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 12:1-4

D&C 88:6



“The grace of God does not merely restore us to our previous innocent state. ... His aim is much higher: He wants His sons and daughters to become like Him.”

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

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C. S. Lewis
*The Complete C.S. Lewis
Signature Classics, 411.*

For God is not merely mending,
not simply restoring a status
quo. Redeemed humanity is to
be something more glorious
than unfallen humanity would
have been, more glorious than
any unfallen race now is. . . .
And this super-added glory will,
with true vicariousness, exalt all
creatures and those who have
never fallen will thus bless
Adam's fall.

Working Definition

Grace - The power made available to us through the atonement of Jesus Christ which gives us the ability to accomplish all we can do. We access this power by turning and coming unto God with a humble and broken heart and contrite spirit, demonstrating by our actions a true and living faith in Jesus Christ. We receive grace from God not only to receive strength ourselves, but also that we may have the ability to do His work to bless the lives of others. We do not have to "do all we can do" to then receive grace. We receive grace so that we can do all that we can do to become like God.



Grace for Grace

D&C 93:11-14
Ether 2 & 3

Embraced

*The veil is parted allowing me in;
The light of God shows what is within.
This hallowed room within my soul,
Where Godliness dwells and I am whole.
From the world's call I am free
And I see the me I want to be.
On holy ground I ponder long
The path to which I truly belong.
Am I to be a celestial soul?
Or merely dream of a Godly goal?*



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*Then He appears and I can see
To be like Him is what I should be.*

But I see reflected in His eyes

What my soul cannot disguise.

*The things I've done that marred my soul
I'm less than godly, incomplete - not whole*

There comes an ache into my heart -

He knows, He sees, my ugly part.

I begin to turn my face away -

What can I do, what can I say?



Embraced

*I've tried so hard to heed the call
To follow Him but still I fall.*

*With head bowed low I humbly plea,
"Please dear Lord, have mercy on me!"*

*Then I feel His love; I see His face
I feel His arms in warm embrace.*

*Healing light fills my soul
And once again I'm Godly - I am whole.*

*The Godly child that lies within
Is now pure, and free from sin.*

*Reconciled to God above
By atoning power and the Savior's love.*



