2Thess #128

Greater grace will lead to a super-grace life.

Open today in Hebrews chapter 5 RF.

The life of super-grace is the highest level and it will carry into the eternal state as well. Meaning all crowns and blessings or rewards will be fully realized.

God provided certain things for you totally apart from your volition — salvation, the oxygen you breath, your daily needs, spiritual protection in the angelic conflict...etc.

But “more grace” or “greater grace” such as in James 4:6 is God’s provision for the Believer based on human volition.

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/Jam 4:6 But **He gives a greater grace**. Therefore *it* says, “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”

This is God’s provision for the Believer based on human volition. The greater our growth the more grace is activated in our walk.\

Greater grace like everything else was allotted in eternity past, but it also has a legal, capacity trigger upon it.

Greater grace takes a positive Believer’s effort to have a serious relationship with GOD.

/The question of growth in the angelic conflict is super-grace or greater grace. Grace is not a problem because grace is provided for you apart from your volition. God gives from grace, nothing we earn or deserve and even the super-grace blessings were already given. Which tells us ALL Bels have a super-grace life yet to fulfill. GRACE is an incredible expression of God’s love that is often overlooked. Greater grace is just a few steps ahead for all Bels who want to grow up. It is all part of your blessings you did nothing to earn or deserve.\

So now we can relate to the Believer at Super-grace is analogous to God resting on the seventh day.

This mature Bel is walking with a calm assurance and a powerful faith that carries them through all of life’s challenges.

They enter heaven receiving all that GOD had given them in eternity past.

God’s desire for us to grow in HIS grace and knowledge, is so that we achieve the full blessings of HIS grace plan, already reserved – given and secure in our names, millions or billions of years ago.

/2Pet 3:18 but **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Phlp 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may overflow still more and more in **real knowledge and all discernment**, 10 so that **you may discover the things that are excellent**, that you may be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ;\

YOU MAY discover!! Free will matters.

The question for every Bel is - now that you are born again and saved – what are you going to do with all GOD has given you in HIS grace plan?

He certainly will not force anything upon you.

/Heb 6:1 Therefore **leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Luk 8:15 “But the *seed* in the good soil, **these are the ones who have heard the word with a good and virtuous heart**, and hold it firmly, and **produce fruit with perseverance**.\

The greater grace can increase and that leads to a super-grace life.

Perseverance means a positive attitude.

/Col 1:9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard *about it,* have not ceased praying for you and asking that **you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding**, 10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, **bearing fruit** in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God;\**

The sign a Bel is actually moving upward in the maturity ladder, is reflected in the fruit of the Spirit. Your Christ-like nature shines forth in many circumstances in your daily life.

Remember, I told you - Hebrews 3, 4 into chapter 5 are all connected and there was very little need for a chapter break.

Heb 5:4 And no one takes the honor for himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, just as Aaron also was.

Aaron did nothing in eternity past to earn or deserve his family to be recognized as the order of priesthood.

Looking down the corridors of time, GOD knew HE was going give the priesthood to the men in the bloodline of Aaron.

Not because they were going to earn that title – God’s grace plan gave that out to them. Then over time in history, many of the blood relatives of Aaron destroyed that title and grace privilege. Yet GOD knew that as well.

/God never removed the priesthood of Aaron’s family, they slowly pulled away from God and destroyed the grace gift over a long period of time. The end goal of the plan became fulfilled in Christ – the only true, High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. The failure of man or angel never stops the final goal of God’s plan. Fallen angels or fallen man end up in misery or discipline, yet GOD’s plan is never lacking.\

[Heb 5:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/5/5/s_1138005) So too Christ did not glorify Himself *in* becoming a high priest, but *it was* He who said to Him, “YOU ARE MYSON,TODAY I HAVE FATHERED YOU”;

To GOD goes the glory – God the Father is the architect of the plan.

[Heb 5:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/5/6/s_1138006) just as He also says in another *passage,*“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVERACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

Melchizedek had no historic beginning or ending. It appears he was ordained and placed strategically in Abraham’s path by GOD.

Something almost supernatural about the king of Salem, the high priest Melchizedek – a typology of TLJC.

GOD recognized the humanity of Christ in eternity past, as the only true HIGH Priest forever.

The shadow of OT priesthood, fulfilled in the reality of the humanity of Jesus Christ, once HE sat down at throne it was legally sealed for eternity.

/[Heb 5:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/5/7/s_1138007) In **the days of His humanity, He offered up both prayers and pleas** (*hiketēria*)with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and **He was heard** because of His devout behavior.

In the ancient Greek it was customary to offer an olive branch wrapped in wool as a signal for assistance or a sign of a peace deal or petition as well.\

HEY-KATE-AH-REE-AH, was the offering of an olive branch wrapped in white wool as a call for assistance or an offering for supplication.

Interesting that the wool is represented in the LAMB of God, Jesus Christ. HIS plea and prayers took place in the olive garden of Gethsemane.

Remember something – all prayer is addressed to the FATHER, through the SON.

The super-grace mature Bel, has a strong pipeline to the throne room of heaven.

This was Jesus Christ, the only true High Priest and truth be told, HIS prayer and plea was answered – LET YOUR WILL, FATHER BE DONE.

/[Heb 5:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/5/8/s_1138008) Although **He was a Son, He learned obedience** from the things which **He suffered**.

God the SON, in HIS humanity, became a symbol of obedience for all mankind. The GOD of the heavens and earth was showing everyone (angels & human), that HE was willing to suffer and grow in humanity to fulfill the plan.\

Jesus Christ was never disobedient. Because HE is not only impeccable humanity - but perfect deity.

In HIS human life, HE became the picture of obedience for all of us to see.

The priesthood was a calling to be set apart, holy and fully under the authority of God.

The priesthood was a lifestyle of sacrifice and obedience.

Jesus Christ is the perfect high priest.

/[Heb 5:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/5/9/s_1138009) And **having been perfected**, He became **the source of eternal salvation** for all those who obey Him,

The human life of Christ was impeccable! Jesus Christ fulfilled His priestly function as offering Himself a sacrifice for our sins.\

The whole life of Jesus Christ was one of pure obedience. Whether it was self-discipline or outside sources of testing and attacks – Jesus sustained perfection.

[Heb 5:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/5/10/s_1138010) being designated by God as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

/The designation was through the justice system of GOD from eternity past. Jesus was the only one qualified as a HIGH Priest, also at the same time the perfect sacrifice for the sins for the whole world. That was phase one – after resurrection HE sat down at the right hand of God the Father to seal the deal. This now placed Jesus Christ as the perfect mediator for fallen man. HE sat within a position to make intercession for all of us.\

/[Heb 5:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/5/11/s_1138011) Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* difficult to explain, since **you have become poor listeners** (*nōthros)*.

There are endless lessons and doctrines wrapped up in Christ – the center of the universe. Yet they had become dull and apathetic toward the truth.\

NO-THRUS, it means lazy or having an apathetic attitude.

The two twin brothers – laziness and apathy - that destroy people’s personal and spiritual lives.

/Heb 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, **you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles** of the actual words of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone **who partakes *only* of milk is unacquainted with the word** of righteousness, for **he is an infant**.\

The majority of Christians today fit into Hebrews 5:12-13.

They go over the same basic doctrines and gospel teaching over and over again.

They never gain spiritual momentum to grow toward true spiritual discernment and maturity.

The growing Christians fits into verse 14;

[/Heb 5:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/5/14/s_1138014) But **solid food is for the mature**, who **because of practice** have **their senses trained** to distinguish between good and evil.

Practice - speaks to a lifestyle and habitually moving forward.\

This is the word of GOD – Not Pastor Rick trying to make you feel guilty!

Most Christians can never even recognize that religious systems are really a distraction and evil designed by Satan.

Part of the end time Babylonian system will be religion…and it will encompass bringing many beliefs under one roof.

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As I have taught you over the last few years and especially the emphasis, on this past year – I believe the religious aspect of the Beast System, is one of the last puzzle pieces of what has been built all around us.

/Refusal to be consistent in the plan of God is the start of apathy. This is seen in the Bel who functions correctly under Grace Apparatus of Perception (GAP), but when adversity hits, they won’t function correctly. Any kind of difficulty in their life distracts them. When they have a dire need or feel confused, Bible class once again becomes a priority. This Christian is highly unstable and with a little adversity or even prosperity, they begin to neglect BD.\

Some Bels bounce in and out of levels of maturity and never gain much ground for long periods of time.

This is a victory for Satan and it is truly one of the few areas, the fallen angels can affect a born-again Believer.

We can possibly, finish this series by next message, once we look at the fact that any Bel can reach levels of maturity and we also can lose any level of maturity.

/Every Believer at any level can become a victim of negativity and distractions. Just as any Bel can reach the goal of a super-grace life – GOD had already provided for them. All we need was given from grace in eternity past. Only a small portion of HIS blessings require activation of the free will mechanics of positive volition followed by positive action. GOD made everything simplistic from eternity past starting with salvation – the worse sinner or criminal in the world has an opportunity for eternal security without a works program.\

TLJC did all the work for everyone. We simply turn to HIM and recognize who HE truly is and what HE did, then we are forever secure with HIM in eternity.

After that - it becomes a matter of truly a personal journey that is positive or negative toward God.

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/Spiritual growth cannot be wished for or worked for. It is solely dependent upon the mind of Christ and the nature of Christ becoming intimate within your soul. The super-grace life is already secured for every Bel, yet it is one of the few blessings we have to be committed to obtain. As you grow in greater grace in time, all GOD’s blessings and rewards secured for you, begin to release toward you. This is because the legal stipulation has been recognized, which is capacity for blessing.\

Everything was given and done for fallen man.

It comes down to what does fallen man want to use their time, talent and treasure to pursue.

You naturally will agree with and pursue things of the cosmic system, or agree with and pursue the things of GOD each and every day.

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