



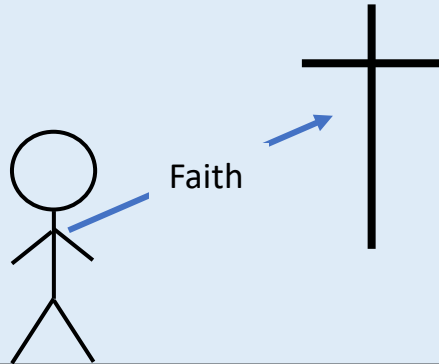
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SALVATION IN CHRIST ***“PAMPHLET”***

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THE 3 MAIN EVENTS OF OUR SALVATION IN CHRIST

JUSTIFICATION



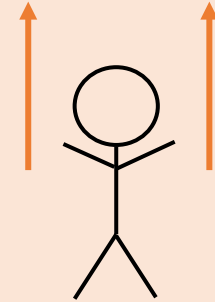
- We are justified before God by Faith in Christ & His Cross. (Rom. 4:3,5; 5:1; Gal. 3:6-9,24)
- Justification defined: To legally declare righteous (not guilty) and free one from the sentence of guilt.
- In Justification, God declares the believing sinner now legally righteous and free from the penalty of sin.
- In Justification, God imputes (to credit to ones account) the righteousness of Christ to the believing sinner. (Rom. 5:3)
- Justification establishes the believers POSITION in Christ in heaven (Eph. 2:6)
- Justification is a one time event.

SANCTIFICATION



- We are sanctified the same way we were justified, by faith in Christ & His Cross. (Rom. 1:17; 1 Cor. 1:18, 30; 2:2-4; Gal. 3:2-5; Col. 2:6)
- In order for the Believer to be properly sanctified, he must live by faith in Christ & His Cross. (Rom. 6).
- Sanctification defined: to set apart unto God; to make holy; to make clean; to purify; figuratively- to change into the likeness of Jesus Christ.
- In Sanctification, Christ by His Spirit, develops His righteousness in the life of the believer. (1 Cor. 1:30)
- In Sanctification, Christ by His Spirit, cleans/purifies us from all sinful desires/tendencies.
- In Sanctification, Christ by His Spirit, frees the Believers from the controlling power of the sin nature that is present in the Believer. (Rom. 6:11-14)
- Sanctification refers to the Believer's CONDITION in Christ on earth (2 Cor. 3:18).
- Sanctification is a life long process. (Eph. 4:15; 1 Cor. 10:15).

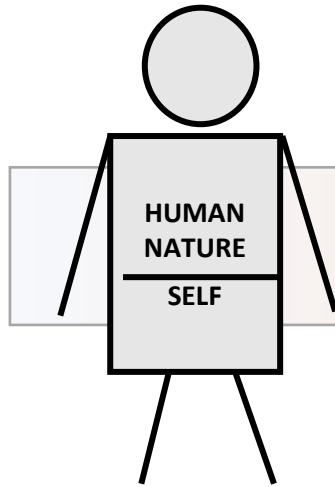
GLORIFICATION



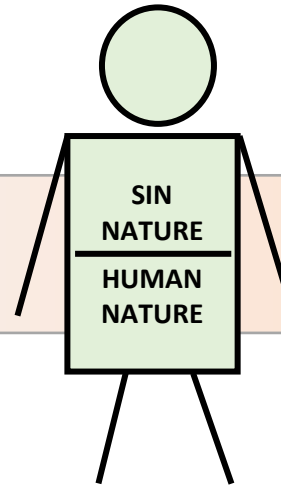
- Because the Believer is justified before God, one day the Believer will be Glorified. (Rom. 8:18)
- Glorification is the same as being raptured and resurrected. (1 Cor. 15:51-55; 1 Thess. 4:16,17).
- Glorification defined: to be changed & transformed into the spiritual & physical perfection of Jesus Christ; it also means to be freed entirely from the presence & effects of the sin nature that resides in Believers. (1 Cor. 15:51-55; Phil. 3:20,21; 1 Jn. 3:2)
- Glorification will happen instantly & completely (1 Cor. 15:51).

THE HUMAN NATURE, SIN NATURE, & DIVINE NATURE

Adam Before the Fall

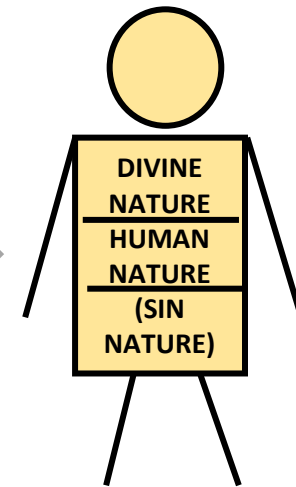


Mankind After The Fall



OLD MAN

Mankind After Salvation



NEW MAN

Human Nature

- The Human Nature is the spirit, soul, and body of man.
 - Spirit - knows; lkk
 - Soul - feels
 - Body - does
- The Human Nature includes ones free will/likes & dislikes.
- The Human Nature includes ones conscience & ones individual personality.

Sin Nature

- The Sin Nature is the nature within ones Human Nature that continually fails to conform to God's Righteous Requirements.
- The Sin Nature can be thought of as the inner bent towards sin.
- The Old Man is the one in whom the Sin Nature is ruling ones Human Nature.

Divine Nature

- The Divine Nature is the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in the Believer.
- The Divine Nature can be thought of as the Grace of God abiding and working in the life of the Believer.
- The New Man is the one in whom the Divine Nature/ Grace is ruling ones Human Nature.

THE FRUIT OF FAITH IN THE CROSS

Holy Spirit
Grace

Christ
and
the Cross

Believer

Faith
Dependence

In Christ

SANCTIFICATION

(The process of being transformed into the image of Jesus. The believer experiences the fruit of the Spirit & true growth in Christ.)

VICTORY OVER SIN

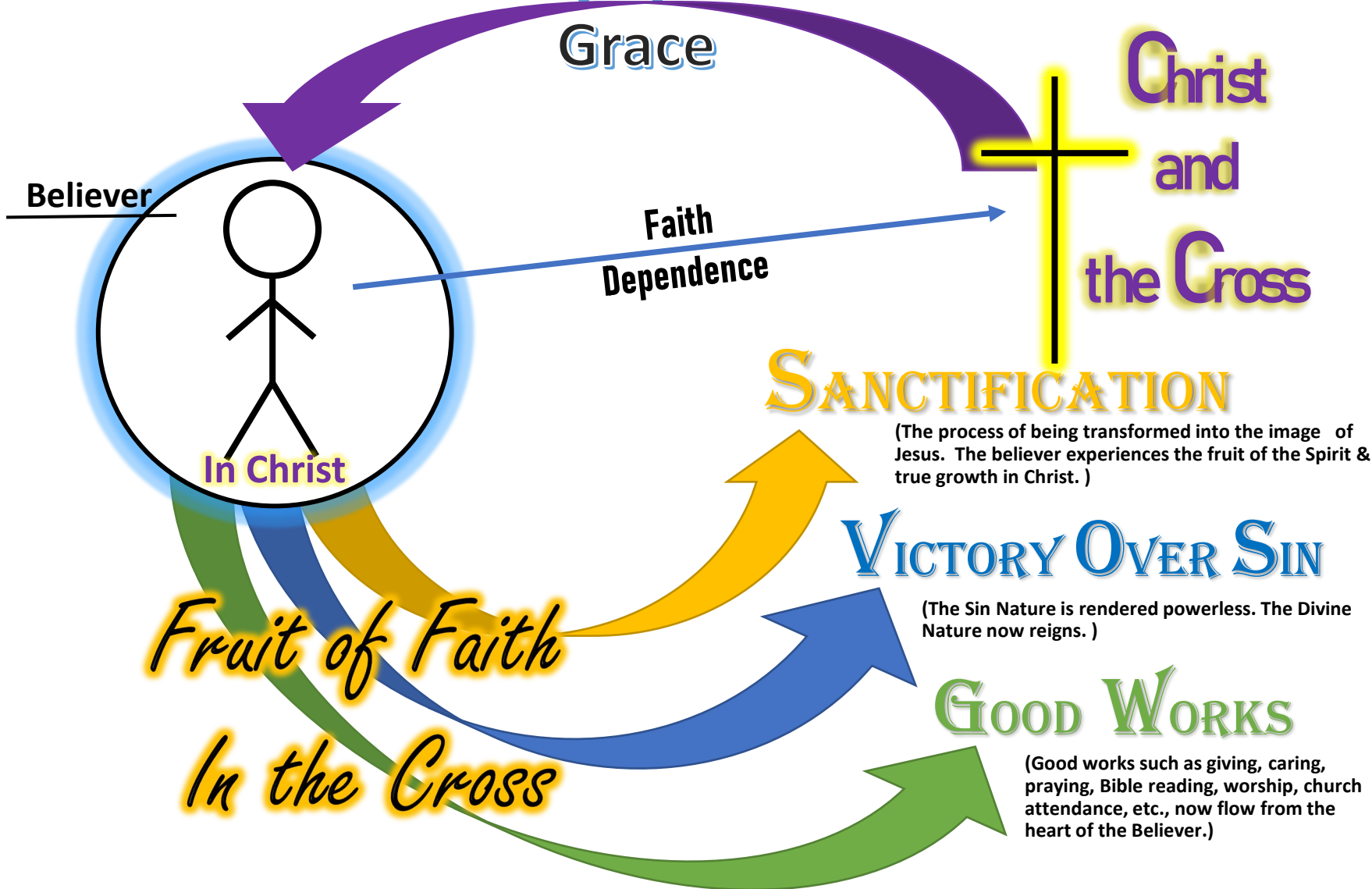
(The Sin Nature is rendered powerless. The Divine Nature now reigns.)

GOOD WORKS

(Good works such as giving, caring, praying, Bible reading, worship, church attendance, etc., now flow from the heart of the Believer.)

Fruit of Faith

In the Cross



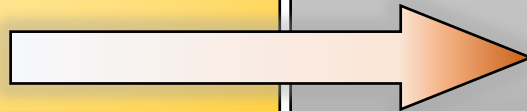
THE TENDENCY OF A BELIEVER TO GO FROM GRACE TO LAW

We Start Out Under Grace and Faith

The Government of Grace

- 1. Focus:** Our focus is on Christ and Him Crucified.
- 2. Object of Faith:** The finished work of Christ.
- 3. Power Source:** The Holy Spirit
- 4. Result:** Victory over sin and experiencing true growth in Christ.

Free From The Control of The Sin Nature



We Start Out Under Law and Works

The Government of Law

- 1. Focus:** Our focus becomes following Christian "rules"- Law.
- 2. Object of Faith:** Our performance in keeping our laws.
- 3. Power Source:** Self/ Will Power
- 4. Result:** Failure, Inconsistency, & difficulty in Christian living.

Under The Control of The Sin Nature



"IN CHRIST" THE BELIEVER IS DEAD TO THE FOLLOWING THINGS

Webster on "Dead": deprived of life; lacking power to feel, move, or respond; no longer producing or functioning; no longer stirred emotionally or intellectually.

1. Dead to "The Sin"- Sin Nature.

- A. **Rom. 6:2** "God forbid! How shall we that are dead to (the) Sin (nature) live any longer in it?"
- B. **Rom 6:11** "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to (the) sin (nature), but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

2. Dead to the Law- OT Law or Self-made Law.

- A. **Rom. 7:4*** "Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another..."

** The Christian life is not living by a list of "do's and don'ts" but rather living by what is and what is not God's will for our lives.*

- B. **Matt. 5:17*** "I did not come to destroy (the law) but to fulfill (the law)."

**Christ fulfilled both the ritual and moral aspects of God's law. By faith in Christ, the law is fulfilled in us through Christ.*

3. Dead to the World -All Evil in the World.

- A. **Gal. 6:14** "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."
- B. **1 Jn. 2:16*** "For all that is in the world-the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-is not of the Father but is of the world."
- C. **1 Jn. 5:4** "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith."

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4. Dead to the Old Man- The person we were before Christ

- A. Rom. 6:6** "Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin (the sin nature) might be done away with (rendered powerless), that we should no longer be slaves of sin (the sin nature)."
- B. Col. 3:9-10** "Do not lie to one another, since you have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him."

5. Dead to the Flesh – The wisdom, ability, & desires of our tainted human nature.

- A. Gal. 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ: it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me"
- B. Gal. 5:24** "And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."
- C. Col. 3:3** "For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

6. Victorious Over the Devil and Demons.

- A. Col. 2:14-15** "Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."
- B. Heb. 2:14** "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of the flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil."

THE GOVERNMENTS OF LAW & GRACE

THE GOVERNMENT OF LAW

Law Defined: *Man's attempt to achieve the favor of God in his own strength and ability.*

- 1. Focus:** Focus is on our law(s).
- 2. Object of Faith:** Our performance in keeping our laws.
- 3. Mindset:** “Through work I achieve God’s favor.”
- 4. Power Source:** Self/ Wil Power.
- 5. End Result:**
 - Failure, inconsistency & miserable Christian living.
 - The Sin Nature reigns.
 - The works of the flesh will manifest.
 - The Holy Spirit is frustrated and cannot make real all the benefits of the Cross.
 - The Believer cannot fully experience the Love, Life, and Liberty of Christ.

THE GOVERNMENT OF GRACE

Grace Defined: *The effectual, unearned, working of the Holy Spirit in our lives giving us continual victory over the sin nature.*

- 1. Focus:** Focus is on Christ & His finished work on the Cross.
- 2. Object of Faith:** The finished work of Christ on the Cross.
- 3. Mindset:** “Through faith in Christ & the Cross I receive God’s favor.”
- 4. Power Source:** The Holy Spirit/ Grace.
- 5. End Result:**
 - Victory over sin and experiencing growth in Christ.
 - The Divine Nature reigns.
 - The fruit of the Spirit will manifest.
 - The Holy Spirit is allowed free course to make real all the benefits of the Cross.
 - The Believer can fully experience the Love, Life, and Liberty of Christ.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF VICTORY

- **The Believer must KNOW what happened at the Cross.**
 - When Christ died, you died with Him (Rom. 6:6).
 - You are dead to the ruling power of sin (Rom. 6:2)
 - You have been baptized INTO Christ and His death by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:3).
 - Your “Old Man” has been crucified with Christ (Rom. 6:6).
- **The Believer must FOCUS his FAITH (*dependence*) in what happened at the Cross.**
 - “I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him Crucified... that your faith would not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” (1 Cor. 2:2-4)
- **The Believer must CONSIDER (*reckon*) himself as Dead to Sin and Alive to God by means of the Cross.**
 - Through Christ’s death and your death with Him on the Cross you can *consider* (reckon, come to the conclusion) yourself as dead to sin and alive to God.
- **The Believer must PRESENT himself (every aspect of himself) to God as a tool of righteousness and not to Sin as a tool of unrighteousness.**
 - The Believer presents (offers himself) to God through Christ’s death.
 - By the Cross, your body (eyes, ears, mouth, mind, etc.) is dead to sin and it is no longer a tool in the hand of sin. It is now a tool in the hand of God.
- **The Believer must COME UNDER Grace rather than Law.**
 - Rest and receive the power of the Spirit through the Finished Work of Christ on the Cross and do not attempt to Achieve victory in your own way or power.

THE BATTLE BETWEEN FLESH & SPIRIT

“For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish” - Gal. 5:17



- The flesh pulls on the believer to do what Jesus has already done at the Cross.
- The flesh pulls on the believer to place his focus & faith in himself.
- The flesh pulls on the believer to come under law rather than come under grace.

Results of Yielding to the Flesh

1. The Sin Nature reigns.
2. The “works of the flesh” will manifest.
 - Acts of unrighteousness will manifest.
3. The Holy Spirit is frustrated and cannot make real all the benefits of the Cross.
4. The believer is left up to relying on his own will power and ability.
5. The believer experiences frustration, inconsistency, and failure.

spirit
soul
body

- The Spirit pulls on the believer to trust & rest in Christ’s finished work.
- The Spirit pulls on the believer to place his focus & faith in Christ & the Cross.
- The Spirit pulls on the believer to come under grace rather than come under law.

Results of Yielding to the Spirit

1. The Divine Nature reigns.
2. The “fruit of the Spirit” will manifest.
3. The Holy Spirit is allowed free course to make real all the benefits of the Cross.
4. The believer receives the power and ability of the Holy Spirit.
5. The Believer experiences victory over sin and a deeper relationship with Christ.

Temptation
World, Flesh, Devil
(1 John 2:16)

Tests & Trials
Circumstances
(1 Peter 4:12)

I. Definition (of Grace):

- A. Grace (*charis*) literally means "a gift" or "favor." Other ways of defining the general meaning of grace are:
 1. Unmerited favor.
 2. God's goodness given to undeserving people.
 3. God's gift when we deserved a penalty.
 4. God's Riches At Christ's Expense.
- B. The word "grace" (*charis*) is used several ways in the NT, but the two main ways it is used (specifically in Romans 6, 7, 8) are: the effectual working of grace ("active grace" or "sanctifying grace") and then the principle of grace ("saving grace" or "the umbrella of grace").
 1. The principal of grace ("saving grace" or "the umbrella of grace") refers to the manner in which God saves people from His wrath.
 - a. No person can be saved or receive anything from God except it come by the grace of God.
 - b. Scriptural examples of this use of grace.
 - Rom. 6:14- "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."
 - Eph. 2:8,9- "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not the works, lest anyone should boast."

2. The effectual working of grace (“active grace” or “sanctifying grace”) refers to the effective working of the Holy Spirit in our lives giving us continual victory over the sin nature.
 - a. Under this aspect of grace the Holy Spirit is actively sanctifying us and forming us into the image of Christ.
 - b. Scriptural examples of this use of grace.
 - Rom. 5:21 – “So that as sin (the sin nature actively reigning) reigned in death, even so grace might (actively) reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
 - 1 Cor. 15:10- “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace towards me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

II. Grammatical Note on Grace

There are no grammatical clues that the reader can use to help determine which aspect of grace is being referred to, whether the effectual working of grace or the principal of grace. The best clue is the scriptural context in which “grace” is used.

For example:

1. The effectual working of grace refers to the believer’s sanctification and victory over sin more than anything else. The context will determine this.
2. The principal of grace refers to the believer’s salvation more than anything else. Again, the context will determine this.

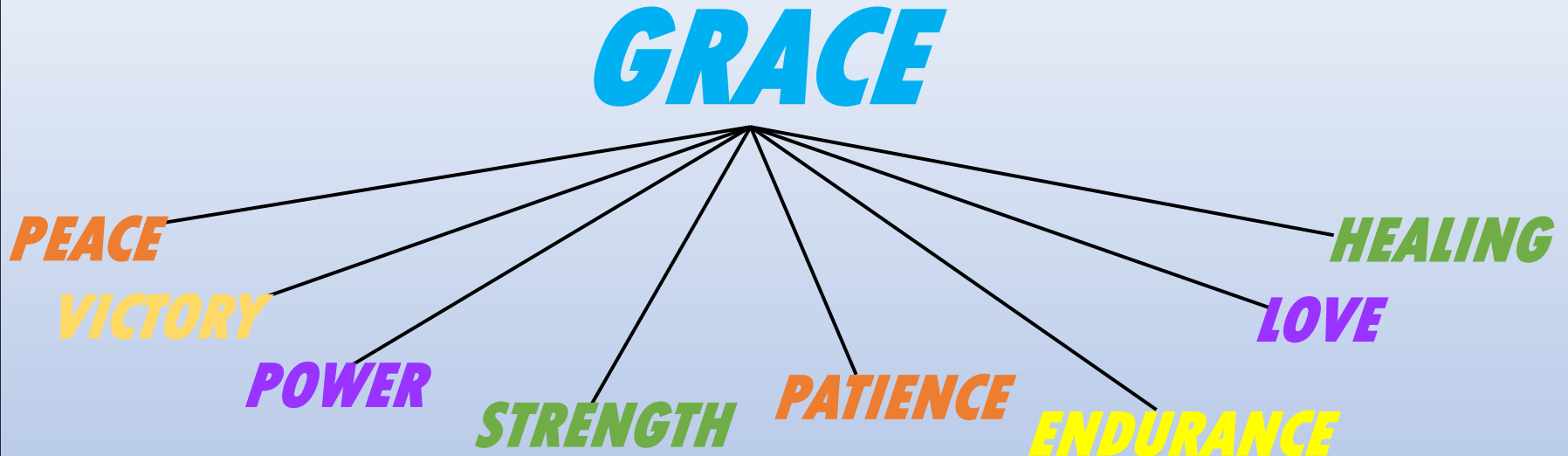
Note: In some passages of scripture both aspects can be applied to the word “grace.”

III. Important Notes on Grace

- A-1. Grace is always a free; Grace are works (self) are always contrary one to another.
 - 1. At the very core of grace is the fact that it is a free gift.
 - 2. This means that it can't be earned, merited, achieved, worked for, paid for, inherited – it's always a free gift.
 - 3. If “grace” or anything from God is earned/ merited then it is not grace.
 - Rom. 11:6- “And if by grace, then it is not longer works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.”
- B-2. Grace always comes through Jesus Christ and His cross.
 - 1. Grace and Jesus are synonymous with one another.
 - John 1:17- “For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”
 - 2. It's very important to always equate grace with Christ and His work on the Cross. Never separate grace from the Cross no matter what aspect of grace is being referred to.
- C-3. Grace and the believer's divine nature through the Holy Spirit go hand in hand one with another.
 - 1. For example, when the grace of God is reigning in a believer's life this also means the divine nature is reigning and vise-versa.
 - 2. In Heb. 10:29 the Holy Spirit is called “the Spirit of Grace.”
- D-4. Grace is always manifested in the life of the believer through the inner workings of the Spirit.
 - 1. Never disconnect the Holy Spirit from grace.
 - 2. In Heb. 10:29 the Holy Spirit is called “the Spirit of Grace”.

GRACE

- E-5** Grace always includes everything we need for salvation and sanctification.
1. In His grace there peace, victory, joy, power, strength, patience, endurance, love, healing, a financial blessing, etc.
 2. Everything we need is included in His grace.



- F-6** Grace always comes by faith in Jesus and the cross
1. Eph. 2:8- “For by grace are you saved through faith...”
 2. Rom. 5:2- “Through whom (Jesus) also we have access by faith into this grace by which we stand (are sanctified)...”
- G-7** Grace is always given to undeserving people.
1. Not only do we not deserve His grace, but we deserve the opposite – judgment.
 2. Only those who realize they don’t deserve it are the ones who will receive it.