



BOOK 02 – CHAPTER 02 – STUDY 04

Grace and Mercy Within God's Conditions

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Grace and mercy in the bible

We can find the words grace and mercy used in the same context and sometimes in the same sentence in the Bible. God's grace and mercy can be viewed as two sides of the same coin. Grace on one side gives us what we do not deserve; mercy on the other does not give us what we deserve, which is death.

Mercy has to do with forbearance, kindness, and compassion; it is often spoken of in the context of God not punishing us as our sins deserve. In particular, mercy usually involves kindness shown at a time when a severe penalty is expected. Mercy is one of God's traits, shown often toward mankind.

Although mercy is certainly an aspect of God's grace, grace is a broader, more extensive concept than mercy. Grace comes from the Greek word *charis*, which has multiple meanings, including gift, favor and kindness. It refers to the unearned favor of God that is extended to us to pardon our sins and to enable us to have a healthy, happy relationship with our Creator.

Titus 2:11 (KJV) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Grace carries the idea of bestowing a gift or favor. Grace, often defined as unmerited favor, is offered by God "through the redemption that is in Christ ". Grace is always the extending of a blessing to the unworthy.

Grace came by Christ

John 1:17 (KJV) For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Christ. Also found in **1 Cor 1:4**

As a result of that sin, we all deserve death and eternal judgment in the lake of fire. Given what we deserve, every day we live is an act of God's mercy. If God gave us all what we deserve, we would all be, right now, condemned for eternity.

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Even though we are under grace, we should NOT sin!

Rom 6:15 (KJV) What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

God's saving grace is NOT automatic just because Christ died on the cross for us!

By and through grace we are saved

Eph 2:8 (KJV) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Act 15:11 (KJV) But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Christ we shall be saved, even as they. Also found in, **Acts 15:11, Eph 2:5**

We believe first, we then through faith we receive God's salvation grace!
Grace comes after faith.

Rom 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Also found in **Rom 4:16**

And Faith comes after believing.

Rom 3:22 (KJV) Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

There are different phases or levels or graces of God. God's grace for us gives us the opportunity to be saved, but He does not give us salvation just because we want it.

God gives us His saving grace after we believe, and even then, there are some conditions we have to meet.

In the same way that believing, and faith have sub-conditions, God's grace for salvation has some sub-conditions as well!

The ONLY way we have "ACCESS" to YHWHs grace is through obedience and faith in Christ. **Romans 1:5 (KJV) By whom we have received grace and apostleship, **for obedience to the faith** among all nations, for his name:**

Romans 5:2 (KJV) **By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of YHWH.**

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So, faith and obedience to YHWH's commandments is where everything pretty much falls under. But it is important to ask, how is it that we receive that faith. And we know that is it not automatic because we are awesome like!

By God's grace we each receive different gifts.

Rom 12:6 (KJV) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Also found in **Eph 4:7**

Let's now compare it to John Doe and see how his salvation looks!

All we are looking for is to see whether he is going to be short of salvation or not. This is what we have so for John Doe: Check mark only the ones that you can verify with scriptures as we go. And add any that he might have missed. Bring your check marks over from prior studies.

- ✓ He believes Christ is the Son of God.
- ✓ He believes Christ died for all our past sins.
- ✓ He believes Christ resurrected 3 days later.
- ✓ He believes that Christ is sitting on the right-hand side of the Father interceding for us!
- ✓ He confessed Christ as Lord and Savior (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He confessed himself as a sinner (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He repented of his sins. (Let us just say he truly repented when he believed!)
- ✓ He asked for forgiveness (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He called upon the Lord into his life (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He was baptized as a baby, by sprinkle!
- ✓ No Faith (The end of faith is the salvation of the soul). **1 Peter 1:9**
 - X** Baptism is needed to get the full assurance of faith. **Heb 10:22**
- ✓ No Sanctification, because we are sanctified by faith, **Acts 26:18**
 - X** Did not complete faith because he was not baptized. **Heb 10:22**

These are the things that are questionable in John Doe's walk, so you must decide whether he has covered that area or not.

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- ☐ He must believe that Christ is the “only begotten” Son of God. **John 3:18, Acts 8:37.**
- ☐ He must believe in the Son and the Father. **John 5:24, John 6:47.**
- ☐ He must believe that God the Father raised Christ from the dead. **Rom 10:9, 1 Thes 4:14.**
- ☐ **We have learned that the scriptures actually tell us that our salvation is nearer the moment we believe, and because we believe that Christ is the only begotten Son of God and believe in the name of the son of God, and believe in the Father as well as the Son, we become sealed with God’s promise of salvation until the day we are saved!**
- ☐ We also see that Baptism may be as important as believing **Mark 16:16.**

This opens more questions.

- + **Is baptism Necessary for salvation?**
- + ~~**Is repentance the same as a change of mind, or something deeper?**~~
- + **If we need to be baptized, does it have to be with water?**
- + **Does Baptism have a purpose and a meaning or is it really just an outward expression of faith?**
- + **Do we have to be baptized in the correct way?**
- + **Are works needed to show repentance?**
- + **Are works needed for salvation?**
- + **We must repent to be converted. Acts 3:19, what is conversion?**

Notes: Bring your check marks over from prior studies.

- ☐ By believing, **John Doe is not saved ONLY NEARER** to salvation and has been sealed with God’s promise of salvation until all of God’s conditions are met! **Rom 13:11, Eph 1:30, Eph 4:30.**
- ☐ By repenting, JD is being obedient to God. **Mark 1:15, Acts 2:38**
- ☐ If we don’t repent, we will not receive salvation. **Luke 13:3, Luke 13:5, Revelation 2:16, Rev 2:22, Rev 3:3**
- ☐ No Faith (The end of faith is the salvation of the soul). **1 Peter 1:9**
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- ## Acts 26:18, Heb 10:22.

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A black and white photograph showing a sheaf of wheat stalks tied together, with a small, shallow bowl filled with grain (likely wheat or barley) in the foreground. The image is framed with rounded corners.



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