

RHEMA Bible Training Center

Course Notes

SUBJECT: UNDERSTANDING GRACE

PART ONE

JESUS, SON OF MAN, CAPTAIN OF GRACE

(The goal of part one is to cause the one to understand how Jesus, in His earthly life and ministry, operated as a man anointed by the Spirit, and depended entirely upon the grace of God)

John 5:26-27

26 "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

27 "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

(NKJ)

- WE READ OVER THESE SCRIPTURES THAT REFER TO JESUS AS THE SON OF MAN WITHOUT DISCERNING WHAT IT MEANS
 - THE REASON JESUS HAD AUTHORITY ON THE EARTH WAS BECAUSE HE WAS THE SON OF MAN
- THE NEW TESTAMENT REFERS TO JESUS AS THE SON OF MAN 96 TIMES
 - ABOUT 20 TIMES THE SON OF GOD
- TO UNDERSTAND THE EMPHASIS ON "SON OF MAN", YOU HAVE TO FIRST UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF HIM COMING AS A MAN IN THE FIRST PLACE

Gen 1:26-30

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food."

30 "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

(NKJ)

- GOD CREATED MAN ON THE EARTH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAN BEING THE RULER OF THE EARTH
 - GOD CREATED THE EARTH, AND THEN HE PUT A RULER ON IT
 - GOD PRACTICALLY HANDED THE LEASE OF THE EARTH OVER TO MAN

Ps 8:1-9

1 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who set Your glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants you have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?

5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

7 All sheep and oxen-- even the beasts of the field,

8 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!

(NKJ)

- HE GAVE TO MAN DOMINION AND AUTHORITY

Mark 12:1-8

1 Then He began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a place for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

2 "Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers.

3 "And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

4 "Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated.

5 "And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some.

6 "Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

7 "But those vinedressers said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

8 "So they took him and killed him and cast him out of the vineyard.

(NKJ)

- HE PLANTED A VINEYARD (EARTH) AND LEASED IT OUT
- IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHO HAS AUTHORITY IN THE EARTH
 - GOD DOESN'T, BECAUSE HE GAVE IT TO MAN
- A MAN GOT THE EARTH IN A MESS, SO A MAN HAD TO GET IT OUT OF A MESS
 - GOD DIDN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO, APART FROM MAN
 - JESUS HAD TO DO WHAT HE DID AS A MAN
 - NOT AS GOD PRETENDING TO BE A MAN, BUT AS A 100% MAN
- GOD, NOR THE DEVIL, CAN DO ANYTHING IN THE EARTH APART FROM WILLING PARTICIPANTS
 - THE DEVIL DOESN'T HAVE DOMINION OVER THE EARTH
 - IF HE DID, IT WOULD BE MORE WICKED THAN WE COULD STAND
- HE CAN ONLY OPERATE THROUGH A WILLING PARTICIPANT BECAUSE MAN IS THE ONE WITH AUTHORITY IN THIS EARTH

- SO THE REASON THAT JESUS CAME TO EARTH AS A MAN, IS SO HE COULD HAVE AUTHORITY
 - THE FACT THAT HE WAS DIVINE DID NOT GIVE HIM AUTHORITY
 - HE DID NOT COME TO THIS EARTH WITH DIVINE POWER

Phil 2:5-9

5 *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*
 6 *who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*
(COUNTED NOT BEING ON AN EQUALITY WITH GOD A THING TO BE GRASPED - OR HELD ON TO) ASV

7 *but made Himself of no reputation,*

-EMPTIED HIMSELF (ASV)

-BUT LAID IT ASIDE (GDSPD)

-BUT STRIPPED HIMSELF OF HIS GLORY (CONYBEARE)

-BUT STRIPPED HIMSELF OF ALL PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTFUL DIGNITY (AMP)

taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

9 *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*

- HE DID NOT WALK THE EARTH PRETENDING TO BE A MAN, HE WAS A MAN
 - HE NEVER FUNCTIONED OUT OF HIS DIVINITY
 - HE FUNCTIONED AS A MAN, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY

Mark 1:34

34 *Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.*
 (NKJ)

Luke 4:41

41 *And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.*
 (NKJ)

Matt 8:28-29

28 *When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.*

29 *And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"*

(NKJ)

- WHAT WERE THE DEMONS DOING?
 - THEY WERE CHALLENGING HIM BY SAYING "YOU CAN'T DO THIS, YOU THE SON OF GOD"
- WHY DID JESUS FORBID THEM TO SPEAK?

- BECAUSE THE DEMONS DIDN'T WANT THE PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT MAN HAD THE AUTHORITY TO DO THIS

Heb 2:14-18

14 *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of 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,*

15 *and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

16 *For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.*

17 *Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

18 *For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.*

(NKJ)

- WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SEE JESUS AS THE SON OF MAN?
 - BECAUSE HE IS THE EXAMPLE OF WHAT A VICTORIOUS, ANOINTED MAN CAN DO
- EVERYTHING HE DID, HE DID AS A MAN ANOINTED WITH THE SPIRIT

-WHEN YOU LOSE SIGHT OF THE HUMANITY OF JESUS, YOU LOSE SIGHT OF WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

- THE NEXT VERSE SAYS CONSIDER JESUS
 - WHATEVER YOU GO THROUGH, CONSIDER HIM
 - HE OVERCAME EVERY TEMPTATION, SO CAN YOU
 - DON'T CONSIDER ANYTHING ELSE BUT HIM
- IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU SEE HIM AS THE SON OF MAN BECAUSE HE IS YOUR EXAMPLE
 - YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT HE CAME AND OPERATED IN THE FLESH AS A MAN, AND IT WAS THE ANOINTING OF THE SPIRIT THAT CAUSED HIM TO DO THE WORKS THAT HE DID
- IT'S AN ANTICHRIST SPIRIT TO BELIEVE THAT HE OPERATED AS THE SON OF GOD
 - HE DID IT AS AN ANOINTED MAN

Acts 10:38

38 *"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

(NKJ)

- AN ANTICHRIST SPIRIT IS ONE THAT IS "AGAINST THE ANOINTED ONE AND HIS ANOINTING"

I Jn 4:1-3

1 *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

2 *By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,*

3 *and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*

(NKJ)

- TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS DID WHAT HE DID BECAUSE HE WAS THE SON OF GOD IS TO OPPOSE THE ANOINTING
 - HE WAS THE SON OF GOD, OPERATING AS A MAN ANOINTED WITH THE SPIRIT
 - YOU ARE A SON OF GOD, OPERATING AS A MAN ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT
- YEAH BUT, HE WAS WITHOUT SIN
 - YOU'VE BEEN MADE RIGHTEOUS AND THE SIN NATURE HAS BEEN DONE AWAY WITH
- HE WORKED MIRACLES, HEALED THE SICK AND CAST OUT DEVILS
 - HE TOLD YOU TO DO IT TOO

Mark 16:15-20

15 *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*

16 *"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

17 *"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;*

18 *"they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

19 *So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.*

20 *And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.*

(NKJ)

- HE BECAME LIKE US, SO WE COULD BECOME LIKE HIM, SO WHAT HE DID, WE COULD DO ALSO

John 14:12

12 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*

(NKJ)

- MY MINISTRY IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE MEASURED BY OTHER MEN
 - I MUST COMPARE IT TO THE MINISTRY OF JESUS
 - HE IS MY EXAMPLE
 - AS HE IS, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD

I Jn 4:17

17 *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*

(NKJ)

- WE ARE HIS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE EARTH
 - WE ARE HIS COREGENTS
- IT'S NOT UP TO GOD TO REACH THE WORLD
 - HE HAS INVESTED HIS POWER IN US
 - WE MUST PREACH AND TEACH WITH THE ANOINTING OF JESUS
 - WE MUST HEAL THE SICK
 - WE MUST WORK THE MIRACLES

- WE MUST BEGIN TO BELIEVE IN WHO WE ARE AND DO THE WORKS OF JESUS AND GREATER WORKS
- OUR FAITH IN WHO WE ARE IS DEMONSTRATED BY HOW BOLDLY WE ACT ON IT IN THE WORLD
 - IT'S EASY TO BOLDLY ACT LIKE WE BELIEVE WE ARE ANOINTED IN CHURCH AND AROUND OTHER BELIEVERS
- WE DON'T NEED FOR MIRACLES
 - WE NEED FOR BOLDNESS TO WORK THEM
- WE DON'T NEED FOR POWER
 - WE NEED FOR BOLDNESS TO ACT ON WHAT WE HAVE
- IF YOU'VE BEEN FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST THEN YOU'VE RECEIVED THE POWER

- IT'S TIME TO LEAVE THE UPPER ROOM EXPERIENCES AND GET OUT IN THE STREETS AND TELL PEOPLE TO LOOK ON US! WE'VE GOT SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU!

- THIS BOLDNESS COMES FROM LOOKING TO JESUS
 - CONSIDERING HIM
 - THE SON OF MAN
 - OUR BLUEPRINT FOR MINISTRY
- IF YOU LACK FOR BOLDNESS, IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE LOST SIGHT OF WHO YOU ARE
 - IF YOU DON'T SEE HIM IN THE GOSPELS AS THE SON OF MAN, THEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE

ASPECTS OF GRACE

PART TWO

WALKING AROUND THE MOUNTAIN OF GRACE

(The goal of part two is to allow the student to see grace purely from a New Testament perspective. We look at every NT scripture that mentions grace and examine it in context of that passage. At the end of the class the student has walked entirely around the “Mountain of Grace” and has seen it from every view)

- UNDERSTANDING TRUTH IS ALWAYS LIKE LOOKING AT A MOUNTAIN
 - LIKE A MOUNTAIN, THE DEFINITION OF TRUTH IS TOO BIG TO DESCRIBE WITH ONE VIEW
 - TO GET THE TOTALITY OF THE MOUNTAIN’S DESCRIPTION, YOU HAVE TO WALK ALL THE WAY AROUND IT AND VIEW IT FROM EVERY SIDE
- TO UNDERSTAND GRACE, YOU HAVE TO “WALK AROUND THE MOUNTAIN” OF GRACE BY LOOKING AT ALL THE SCRIPTURE SAYS ABOUT IT
 - THIS WILL BE A COMPREHENSIVE NEW TESTAMENT STUDY OF GRACE. WE WILL LOOK AT WHAT GRACE IS BY VIEWING IT FROM EVERY NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:40 - And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

- Wherever you see “Grace,” replace with “Supernatural ability and Divine favor.”
- It was “upon” Jesus.
 - He was divinely promoted and exalted, and supernaturally empowered in everything He did as a man in ministry.
- It caused Him to “become” strong in spirit and to be filled with wisdom

John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- You can be “full” of grace.
 - If you can be full of grace, then you can be empty of it.
- Grace works as a result of believing the truth.
 - You cannot be full of grace and bad doctrine.

- Grace is in proportion to truth.

John 1:16 - And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

- Because Jesus received and walked in a fullness of grace as a man, then we can receive and walk in the same grace
 - (for) “as a result of,” or “in the place of”

John 1:17 - For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- Jesus did not come to bring truth in the way that the law came.
 - The law came as a standard of conduct that man had to obey from his own ability.
 - Jesus brought truth with the power to obey it from within.

Acts 4:33 - And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

- Notice the connection between “power” and “grace.”
- Again notice that grace was “upon.”
- Grace here is seen as a supernatural power to cause you to do something beyond your own ability.

Acts 11:23 - When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

- Grace can and will be seen and noticed by others when it is working in a person or a group of people.

Acts 13:43 - Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

- Once you receive grace, it is something that you have to continue in, which means there will be things that can pull you away from it if you allow it.
 - This was Paul’s major emphasis in his writings.
 - Law will always endeavor to pull you away from grace.
 - Law doesn’t have to mean OT law.
 - We can have our own laws, or things that we think we have to do to produce favor and ability.
- 3 THINGS THAT WILL TRY TO PULL YOU OUT OF THE ARENA OF GRACE:

1. PRESSURE FROM PEOPLE

1. IN GALATIANS, PETER WAS INFLUENCED BY THE JUDIAZERS TO NOT EAT WITH THE GENTILES

2. FEAR AND YOUR OWN UNBIBLICAL THINKING

1. "THERE SEEMS LIKE THERE IS SOMETHING I NEED TO DO!"

2. MAYBE GOD WOULD ANSWER ME IF I FAST OR PRAY MORE

3. SATAN'S TEMPTATIONS

1. DO MORE AND GOD WILL MOVE!

Acts 14:3 - Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

- When we preach the message of grace, we can expect God to confirm the preaching with miracles.

Acts 14:26 - From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

- Commended – to give over into one's power.

- The work that you complete will be a result of you giving yourself and your ministry over into the power of the grace of God.

Acts 15:11 - "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

- We are saved because of His supernatural power and divine favor working in us at the new birth

Acts 15:40 - but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.

- Same as Acts 14:26

Acts 18:27 - And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;

- There are only two kinds of people who call themselves Christians; Those who "believe" their efforts save them and those who believe they're saved through grace.

Acts 20:24 - "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

- No matter what you do in ministry, it is all to testify of the gospel of the grace of God.
- Everything you preach and teach must come from this central message.

Acts 20:32 - "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

- The message of grace will build you up and bring you into the inheritance of the saints.
- Grace never tears down, but it strengthens and builds.

Rom 1:5 - Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,

- We receive grace "through Him," or as a result of His perfect and finished work.

Rom 1:7 - To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Grace can be ministered and stirred in people by a "faith salutation."

Rom 3:24 - being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

- Two characteristics of our being declared righteous:
 - 1) it was done freely. It wasn't a payment or a reward.
 - 2) It was a result of His "divine favor and outrageous love for us."

Rom 4:4 - Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

- It is impossible for the Father to reward us with something that is ours by inheritance.
- Grace can only be received.
 - There is no other response to grace but to receive it with thankfulness.

Rom 4:16 - Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of

the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

- God evened the playing field when He made everything by grace.
 - Not all can work, but all can believe, which makes His promise available to “all the seed.”

Rom 5:2 - through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- The only thing that gives you access into His power and favor is believing on the finished work of Jesus.
 - This causes us to be able to expect “the glory of God.”

Rom 5:15 - But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

- Adam's sin made death spread to all men, but Jesus' obedience made grace bring life to all men

Rom 5:17 - For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

- Notice that grace come “in abundance” or super-excess. Grace causes us to reign.

Rom 5:20 - Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

- Sin will never be too hard or difficult to overcome by a person walking in grace

Rom 5:21 - so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Grace will reign in us as a result of what we believe about righteousness, “to” eternal life, or Zoe!

Rom 6:1 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

- Their question was “does sin have to be present for us to walk in grace?”

- This tells us that there will be some people who will take the freedom and simplicity of the grace life and twist it and use it as permission to live in sin.

Rom 6:14 - For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

- When you are walking under the influence of grace, it empowers you to live above sin.
 - Law ties you to your own efforts and your own ability.
 - Grace is His ability working in you, empowering you.

Rom 6:15 - What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

- Grace doesn't remove what's right or wrong, it empowers you to know, choose and live in what is right.

Rom 11:6 - And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work

- If God has been gracious toward us as a result of Jesus' finished work, we should stop striving to walk in it.
 - Again, what belongs to us in an inheritance, not a reward or payment.

Rom 12:3 - For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

- The supernatural gifting Paul had was his anointing to be an apostle.
 - Many times he would remind people that what he was saying and doing was a result of the grace to be an apostle.

Rom 12:6 - Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

- The giftings and abilities that we have for ministry are a result of grace, supernatural ability.

Rom 15:15 - Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,

- Same as Romans 12:3

Rom 16:20 - And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. (vs. 24, 1 Cor 16:23, 2 Cor. 13:14, Gal. 6:18, Eph.6:24, Phil. 4:23, Col. 4:8, 1 Thess. 5:28, 2 Thess 3:18, 1 Tim 6:21, 2 Tim 4:22, Tit. 3:15, Phi. 1:25, Heb. 13:25, Rev. 22:21)

- The reminder of God's grace and the encouragement to walk in it was the first thing Paul mentioned in his writings, and the last.
 - It should be the same with us.

1 Cor 1:3 - Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.(2 Cor 1:2, Gal. 1:3, Eph. 1:2, Phil. 1:2, Col. 1:2, 1 Thess. 1:1, 2 Thess. 1:2, 1 Tim. 1:2, 2 Tim. 1:2, Tit. 1:4, Phi. 1:3, 2 Jn. 1:3, Rev. 1:4)

- Same as above

1 Cor 1:4 - I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,

- Grace is given by/because/as a result of Jesus.

1 Cor 3:10 - According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

- Everything Paul did in ministry was a result of the grace given to him.

1 Cor 15:10 - But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward 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.

- Grace makes us who we are and what we do.
- God's grace given to you can be in vain if you don't take it and labor with it.
 - Grace is received, but then grace has to become something that we work with and strategize with to expand His kingdom.

2 Cor 1:12 - For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.

- Grace must empower you for personal transformation, ***to the root of your character.***

2 Cor 4:15 - For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

- Grace is contagious and will spread like a virus.

2 Cor 6:1 - We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

- Same as 1 Cor 15:10

2 Cor 8:1 - Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

- The ability to give beyond normal, ordinary, typical giving is a work of grace.
 - God the Holy Spirit empowered the churches of Macedonia to give supernaturally.

2 Cor 8:6 - So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.

- Grace can cause you to begin something, but you must obey, yield and cooperate to complete it.
 - Grace doesn't work apart from our cooperation.

2 Cor 8:7 - But as you abound in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us-- see that you abound in this grace also.

- You can abound, or super-exceed in a grace.

2 Cor 8:9 - For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

- Jesus was supernaturally empowered to prosper, and supernaturally empowered to take our poverty.

2 Cor 9:8 - And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

- God makes supernatural strength, wisdom and power super-exceed toward us for prosperity and increase.

2 Cor 9:14 - and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you.

- It is grace working in you that makes you and your ministry attractive to people, not politics.

2 Cor 12:9 - And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- The grace that God gives you in every situation of life is always enough for victory.
- Grace is described as strength.
- Grace works in "weakness," or a place where you recognize that your strength is no match for what you are facing.
 - Paul's own strength was not match for the demonic power that was attacking him.
 - When he realized this, he was able to stop striving and receive God's grace to overcome.

Gal 1:6 - I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

- It's easy to turn from yielding to God's grace to striving to produce in your own efforts.

Gal 1:15 - But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

- It was the love and favor of God that called Paul, not his own accomplishments or abilities.

Gal 2:9 - and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

- Grace can and will be noticed by others, and that alone should be why we promote people to positions and tasks.

Gal 2:21 - "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

- Grace can be set aside, or frustrated by turning to our ability or law.

Gal 5:4 - You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

- Attempting to stand before God and be justified by your own efforts and accomplishments causes you to be “estranged,” or distanced from Christ and His ability and favor.
 - This is falling from grace.

Eph 1:6 - to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

- It is His grace that has made us accepted and qualified.

Eph 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

- Grace gave us redemption and forgiveness

Eph 2:5 - even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

- God’s supernatural love and ability saved us and made us alive together with Christ.

Eph 2:7 - that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

- The Father longs to show off His kindness and grace toward us forever.
 - There will be no end to it.

Eph 2:8 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

- Grace that saved us has nothing to do with us deserving it in any way.
 - It is a gift.

Eph 3:2 - if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

- Greek for dispensation is “ a management or oversight of the affairs of another.”
 - Paul said his calling was a management, or stewardship of grace.
 - We must be responsible stewards of the grace given to us.

Eph 3:7 - of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

- Paul’s calling, office and anointing was a result of grace.

Eph 3:8 - To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

- Same as above

Eph 4:7 - But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

- Everyone has been “grace’d” with a measure of the same gift that Jesus had.
 - Same mission, same equipment.

Eph 4:29 - Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

- Grace can be imparted by our words.

Phil 1:7 - just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

- God doesn't just give grace to individuals, but many people will be connected to it.

Col 1:6 - which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

- God purposes for grace to bring forth fruit, or results in us.

Col 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

- You can sing being supernaturally empowered by God, beyond your own ability.

Col 4:6 - Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

- Our ability to know how to answer will always fall short.
 - God supernaturally empowers us from within to have wisdom, knowledge and answers.

II Th 1:12 - that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Grace enables us to glorify Him

II Th 2:16 - Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace,

- Grace comforts us and gives us an intense expectation of good.

1 Tim 1:14 - And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

- There will always be “too much” grace available to us.

2 Tim 1:9 - who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

- We are saved and called by His divine favor, love and power.

2 Tim 2:1 - You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

- You can be a strong yielder to the grace of God.
 - If you can be strong in grace, then you can also be a weak yielder to it.

Titus 2:11 - For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us...

- Grace is a teacher
 - Teaches us to...
 - Deny ungodliness and worldly lusts
 - Live soberly and righteously in the worlds system (age)
 - Look for the return of Jesus

Titus 3:7 - that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

- His grace declared us righteous before Him.

Heb 2:9 - But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

- Jesus was supernaturally empowered to taste death for us.

- He ministered as a man yielded to the power of the Holy Spirit, which is the grace of God.

Heb 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- God's throne is a place we go to for divine favor, supernatural strength and power and mercy.

Heb 10:29 - Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

- The Holy Spirit's power that comes to us is what grace is...power to cause us to be able to do what we could never do in our own strength.

Heb 12:15 - looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

- You can fall short of accessing God's grace.
 - This always leads to bitterness.

Heb 12:28 - Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

- Serving God by His grace is the only service that He accepts.
 - Service out of obligation is never acceptable.

Heb 13:9 - Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

- Strange doctrines here is referring to Christian rules and regulations about eating (it's wrong to eat this or that).
 - A heart established in grace is led from within what they should not do, not by a creed, law or rules. (Rom. 14:17)

James 4:6 - But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

- Humility is a key to get grace.

1 Pet 1:2 - elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

- Grace can be multiplied.

1 Pet 1:10 - Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,

- Grace comes to us at salvation, and every time we believe the truth about the finished work of Jesus

1 Pet 1:13 - Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

- Our hope and expectation is sure and secure by trusting only in His grace because He never changes.

1 Pet 3:7 - Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- A husband and wife partake of grace together.

1 Pet 4:10 - As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

- We must be good managers of grace.

1 Pet 5:5 - Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

- Same as James 4:6

1 Pet 5:10 - But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

- He is the God, and the giver of all grace that we walk in.

1 Pet 5:12 - By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

- If there is a true message of grace, then there are false ones.

2 Pet 1:2 - Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

- Through knowledge of the promises, not commands, grace is multiplied to us

2 Pet 3:18 - but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

- We can grow in grace. If we can grow, then we also can be stagnant.

Jude 1:4 - For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

- The message of grace can be turned into loose, unbridled living, where people live in sin and use a twisted message of grace as the permission to do it.

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