

Why Do I Need Grace?

Paul tells us that the grace of God takes us from death to life. (*Eph.2:4-5*). One of the amazing things about His grace is that it is offered to us, even when we are so undeserving of it. Yet, God has shown us His matchless love (*1 John 3:1*) and His immeasurable grace (*Ep. 2:7*) in such clear-cut and definable ways, through Christ. When we are willing to see what humanity actually deserves, it becomes very evident that we desperately need His grace.

A. What does grace really mean?

- 1) Sometimes we think of grace in very _____ terms. (*Luke 2:40; Col.4:6 vs Ecc.10:12*)
- 2) The Bible shows it in relation to all God has done for the _____ of man. (*2 Pet.3:9; Rom. 5:8; Heb.5:8-9; 1 Cor.2:9-12; Gal. 1:11-12*)
- 3) It comes through _____. (*Eph.3:1-5; Heb.1:1-2; Ep. 2:4-7; Rom. 6:4-5*)

B. Why do I need it?

- 1) S_____. (*Rom. 3:10, 23; 1 Kings 8:46; Prov.20:9; Ps. 14:2-3*)
- 2) P_____. (*John 8:34; Rom. 3:23; Ezek.18:20; Rom.6:23*)
- 3) R_____. (*2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet.1:18-19; Rom.3:24*)

C. How am I saved by it?

- 1) God's plan is multi-faceted (*Rom.5:1; Acts 16:31, 11:18; Rom.5:9-10; James 2:24; 1 Pet.3:21; Rom. 1:16; 1 John 4:2; Eph.2:8*)
- 2) Grace through the gospel (*Rom.1:16; Acts 14:3; Acts 20:24, 32; 1 Pet.2:1-2*)
- 3) It works through _____ and _____. (*Eph.2:8-9; Rom.5:1-2; James 2; Matt.7:21*)
- 4) The Ephesians are an example of salvation through God's grace. (*Eph.1:13; Acts 19:17-20*)