



Grace

A Short History Of “Grace”

1. **Secular:** attractiveness, charm, favor

‘Helpfulness towards someone in need, not in return for anything or that the helper may get anything, but for the sake of the person who is helped’

– Aristotle

2. **OT:** supreme example: redemption from Egyptian bondage...Dt.7:7-8; 9:5-6

3. NT:

“...used of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them in the exercise of the Christian virtues” – Th. 666

I. The Basis Of Grace

From God to us . . .

1. **Father, Ex.34:6**

**Perfect
redemption**

**Perfect
revelation**

2. **Son, 2 Co.8:9**

3. **Holy Spirit, Hb.10:29**

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II. The Blessings Of Grace

1. Favor, Jn.1

- 14, *full of grace.*
- 16, *grace for grace*
 - Grace on top of grace
 - Grace following grace
- 17, *came through Jesus Christ*

Law of Moses:

Righteous God
Sinful man
Debt to pay

Gospel:

Righteous God
Sinful man
Debt paid

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- 1. Favor, Jn.1**
 - 2. Foundation, Ac.20:24**
 - 3. Freedom, Ro.6:15, 22**
 - 4. Forgiveness, Ep.1:7**
 - 5. Fellowship, Ep.2:1-7, 8-9**
 - 6. Forever, Tit.3:7**

- Death to life
- Sin to salvation
- Alienation to fellowship

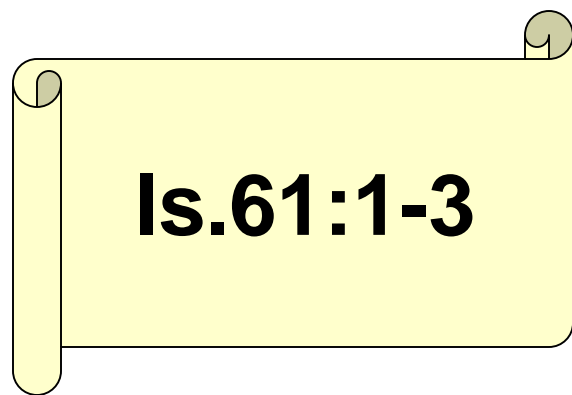
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II. The Blessings Of Grace

III. The Beauty Of Grace

Lk.4:...22

- Could refer to His charm, winsome words, oratory
- Context goes deeper



**Today this Scripture
is fulfilled in
your hearing**

- Words of grace about grace

Luke illustrates meaning of Lk.4:22

- 7:36-50
- 8:26-56
- 15:17-20
- 18:9-14
- 22:31-34, 54-62
- 23:39-43
- 23:34 (1 Tim.1:13-15)

Lk.19:10
He took
the lead;
we had
the need

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IV. The Book Of Grace

Lk.4:22

- Audience heard words of grace
 - It did them no good
- Salvation is conditional

□ Ac.15:11

Acts 2:38

‘But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.’

God's part; man's part

Ep.2:8 + Ep.5:26 = **Grace, Faith
Word, Baptism**

Tit.2:11-12 **Grace teaches;
they respond** **Tit.3:5-7**

1 Pt.5:12 **True Grace** **1 Pt.3:21**

Jude 4: grace vs license

“Be a sinner and sin vigorously...It is sufficient that we recognize through the wealth of God’s glory, the lamb who bears the sin of the world; from this, sin does not sever us, even if thousands, thousands of times in one day we should fornicate or murder” – Luther to Melancthon

■ **Ro.6:1-2**

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Gratitude, 1 T.1:14, 17

Rejoicing, Ac.13:43, 48

Adoration, Lk.17:15-16

Charity, Lk.15:20

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