

## Measures and Types of Grace.

One of the greatest revelations that one ought to receive is the revelation of Grace. The grace of God can be defined in many ways. One way is that Grace is the power of God (Acts 20:24; Romans 1:16; Galatians 1:6)

The grace of God is simply what God has done for us without our cooperation and help. This is unmerited, undeserved and unearned.

The grace of God is always fully functional in our lives in some aspect and degree whether or not we know it. As we step into a deeper and deeper relationship with God, different facets and measures of grace begin to be revealed and extended towards us.

Furthermore, as we renew our minds, we get to tap into different dimensions of God's grace.

Grace is more than the favor of God or the unearned and unmerited favor of God.

This list below I got from Barry Bennett's teachings who is one of the premier bible teachers in the body of Christ today.

- a) Grace is strength (2 Cor. 12:9).
- b) Grace is provision (2 Cor. 9:8).
- c) Grace is power (Acts 4:33).
- d) Grace builds us up and gives us our inheritance (Acts 20:32).
- e) Grace gives us gifts (Rom. 12:6).
- f) Grace gives us consolation and hope (2 Thess. 2:16).
- g) Grace is faith and love (1 Tim. 1:14).
- h) Grace is mercy and help in time of need (Heb. 4:16).
- i) Grace is multiplied unto us through the knowledge of God (2 Pet. 1:2).
- i) Grace labors abundantly (1 Cor. 15:10).
- k) Grace lives holy (Títus 2:11-12).
- 1) Grace brings boldness (Romans 15:15).
- m) Grace causes us to think soberly (Romans 12:3)

- n) Grace is not works or performance (Romans 11:6). It is by grace or by works but not both.
- o) Grace abounds much more where sin abounds (Romans 5:20), not to encourage us to sin but to set us free from sin.

## Areas we appropriate the grace of God:

- i) Grace from the finished work of Jesus and the benefits of the cross.
- Giving grace (2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:)
- iii) Assignment grace
- iv) Responsibility or leadership grace
- v) Godly life living grace (Titus 2:11-12)
- A. According to 2 Peter 1:2, Grace is multiplied unto us through the knowledge of God.

The grace of God can be **increased** in our lives. We can experience more grace proportional to what we are believing, receiving and releasing. God gives more grace (James 4:6). Therefore, we can conduct ourselves in a way that we can receive more grace of God. The more we grow in relationship and intimacy with God, we get grace to be multiplied unto us.

- B. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. —1 Peter 5:5
  - a) One of the ways we can appropriate more of the grace of God is by walking in humility. God gives grace to the humble. This would mean that He does not give grace to the proud.
  - b) This verse is referenced by James 4:6 which says that He gives more grace—not just grace, but more grace.
- C. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: -2 Corinthians 9:8
  - a) When we give, we open up flood gates of blessings not only in money areas but in many other areas.

- b) Sowing money can open doors to wisdom to solve problems, release healing, marriage restoration, thanksgiving to God, intercession on our behalf and many more. It opens all doors of grace—all grace.
- c) Giving money will make all grace; that is different kinds of divine enabling and gifts to abound (much more than enough measure; a deluge, flood or torrent) toward you which leads to having different kinds of solutions available to us 24/7, 365 in great measure to fulfill every God-given dream on the inside of you.
- d) Here are the **four ALLs** mentioned in 2 Corinthians 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:"
  - i) All grace
  - ii) All sufficiency always
  - iii) All things
  - iv) All good work
- D. Acts 4:29-33 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and **great grace** was upon them all.

Notice they were all filled—not some. Even then, this is was after they had prayed. Prayer was a key in them being filled and the place being shaken.

After they were filled, having been filled earlier in Acts 2, they were filled again, and a few notable things were seen:

a) They spoke the Word with **boldness**. This implies that they were not bold before but after they were filled with the Holy Ghost. This was another level or dimension of

boldness. Being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues will cause boldness to spring out of you, hence leading to salvations.

- The disciples that had fled from the Lord (Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:50) in terror were now different men (1 Samuel 10:6) after they were filled with the Holy Ghost.
- ii) Example: After Peter got filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter was no longer the same man. Before this filling of the Holy Spirit, Peter was fearful and denied the Lord. However, after the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he became as bold as a lion, standing up and preaching the gospel and getting over 3000 people saved (Acts 2:14-41). He later died the death of a martyr. This was another Peter. He had been turned into another man for sure as King Saul was at the beginning of his reign (1 Samuel 10:6). And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.—1 Samuel 10:6
- iii) You can't speak with boldness what you do not know. These men and women knew the Word.
- Notice also that whenever they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they spoke either the Word of God or new tongues. You can't separate being filled with speaking!
- b) Great power.

Because of them being filled with the Holy Spirit, they were given great power.

c) Great grace.

Yet not just great power alone, but also great grace. All these were results of all of them being filled with the Holy Spirit.

When we get filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, we step out and start operating into **great grace**.