

SACRED TRUTHS

Grace

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The words Grace and Gracious can be found nearly 200 times in the Bible. The word comes from the Greek word “Charis”, which means gift. The best definition of the word is “unmerited favor” or “divine favor”. Both give the idea of a favor freely bestowed upon those totally unable to return the favor.

Grace is = God’s free action on behalf of who are without merit and in fact deserve wrath.

Grace happens = As a result a Christ’s substitutionary death on the Cross, and provides the only way a guilty sinner like we are to inherit the free gift of eternal life.

Biblical Definitions of Grace

- Titus 3:4-5
- Ephesians 2:4-5

Truths about Grace

- Eph. 1:7
- Titus 3:7
- Eph. 2:7
- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- 1 Tim. 1:14

Eph. 4:29

Exodus 33:17-19

- We can't earn grace
- We can't create grace
- We can only accept grace.
- But we can practice graciousness.

QUESTIONS

In your own words, write out a definition of grace you could explain to a 12 year old?

How should grace bring both rest and motivation to us as believers?

Do think we ever cheapen grace; if so, how?

Grace seems to be the opposite of law and legalism; how is that true?

Are there areas of your life that you're more legalistic than gracious? How can we change?