

GRACE

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GRACE SERIES WEEK 2
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FAITH is faith in both Old and New Testament

GRACE is grace in both Old and New Testament

IMPUTATION is imputation in both Old and New Testament

IMPARTATION is not impartation in both Old and New Testament.



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GRACE: *definition*

Undeserved, unmerited, unforced favor gained by Christ's death and resurrection; allowing God to be completely, unequivocally and eternally ***for*** us.

It is an environment and a way of life in which we no longer strive for acceptance, but trust His new nature ***in*** us and His love, provisions and promises toward us.



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The enemy of grace is ***self-reliance***. (4:1-8)

The imposter of grace is ***external form***. (4:9-17a)

The fruit of grace is ***heartfelt obedience***. (4:17-22)



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Why so few self-reliant people come to Jesus. And if they do, they struggle maturing in Christ. They judge others who struggle with what they do not. And the things they struggle with, they hide them as though they do not.



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But we don't want to spend a moment's effort trying to convince God of our specialness or deservedness to get anything from him. He's totally unimpressed.



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Mosaic Covenant – Man says, “I will.”

Abrahamic Covenant – God says, “I will.”



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LAW = "You shall" – demands obedience

GRACE = "I will" [Jesus] – demands faith

LAW = "Obey the law and I'll bless you"

GRACE = "I will bless you so believe my promises"



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You can't have promise/law operating together. You can't have faith/wrath operating together. You can't have God's "I will"/ man's "I will" together.



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The overarching quality of my life is formed in weighing all my circumstances against God's faithfulness, sovereignty and love; eventually concluding that God's character trumps my circumstances. Even in the moments where it makes little sense.



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“God has done the most difficult part so I would have to do nothing to gain everything. But that very justification has made me into a person who will now risk everything to glorify this God who gave it to me.”



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Though faith goes beyond reason it always has a firmly rational basis. Faith is trusting a Person and it depends fully upon the reliability of the Person being trusted. Before we can believe God's promises, we need to be sure both of His power and His faithfulness.



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Abraham clung to **3 facts**:

God is always able, God is always good to me, God will never lie to me.



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Behind all promises lies the character of the person who makes them.

The quality of our faith depends upon the object in which we've trusted. The amount of my faith is not as important as the object of my faith.



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