

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

Father

Reflection:

Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 6:25-34; 2 Corinthians 6:18;
1 John 3:1

Life Response:

Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:4-7



A Discipleship Journey – Amazing Grace What's So Amazing About Grace? – June 27, 2021

The Greek word for grace is “charis”

Grace is receiving something that we DO NOT deserve.

There are 131 uses of *grace* in the ESV — 124 in the New Testament, 86 of those are found in the epistles of the Apostle Paul, which means two-thirds of all the uses of the word *grace* in the Bible are in one author.

Paul is known as “the apostle of GRACE”

Mercy is not getting something we DO deserve.

The Grace of God, is His undeserved, unearned, unmerited favor.

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⁹ *not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

1) God's Grace is a gift at His pleasure.

For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. - Eph 2:8

We are saved by God's grace to serve God as He desires and as He pleases.

2) God's Grace is a gift from God Himself not because of our actions.

"God's grace is a gift that costs everything to the giver and nothing to the receiver. It is given to those who don't deserve it, barely recognize it, and hardly appreciate it. That's why God alone gets the glory in your salvation. Jesus did all the work when he died on the cross." - Phillip Yancey

3) God's Grace is a gift of salvation so that we can serve Him.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. - Eph 2:10

3 Results of Living into Grace

1) We no longer need to wear a mask.

2) We have nothing to prove.

3) We have no grudges to bear.

Community Group Discussion Questions

- 1) Considering the definition of grace as "receiving something that we do not deserve," share about a time when someone showed you grace?
- 2) How is mercy different than grace?
- 3) How can God be a God of justice and still show us mercy and grace?
- 4) Looking at the story of Les Misérables, how are you and I like Jean Valjean? In what ways is Bishop Myriel a picture of God's response to us?
- 5) Victor Hugo once wrote "Life's greatest happiness is to be convinced we are loved." How does this relate to your relationship with God?
- 6) Looking at the 3 results of living into grace, which one have you experienced? Which do you struggle with the most?