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FCS1-1-06: The Saving Grace of God

Grace: (Greek 5485 – *Luke 2:40*) **graciousness** (as gratifying), of manner or act; especially **the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life**; including gratitude:--acceptable, benefit, **favour, gift**, grace(-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank(-s, -worthy).

To understand the grace of God, a person needs to understand the depths of God's love. Like the love of a father and mother that is so deep that either one would instantly sacrifice their life for their child, so God loves mankind, being a heavenly Father who loves His created sons and daughters. Every good favor and gift given of the Father to His children is given in abundance, even though the children can do nothing to deserve it.

Luke 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

John 3:34-35 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*. 35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

Mankind fell by sin from God's eternal life and became deserving of God's wrath. Yet God provided a way for His children to unite together again with Him in His loving favor.

Romans 3:23-25 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

Christ Jesus, the Son of God, was anointed by Him to be the perfect sacrifice that would atone for the sins of mankind. God is redeeming His creation back to Himself as a loving father would cherish his children. This is an undeserved and freely given gift. God continually poured out His spirit and favor to His Son--the Christ, Jesus. Jesus knew that the purpose of His life (and death and resurrection) was to be the redeeming sacrifice as the Messiah.

Ephesians 2:4-8 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:



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Question 1

Grace may be defined as ...

a committed trusting in something.

The divine and favorable influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life.

a moral conviction of remorse.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 2

As described in Romans 3:24, what does grace provide?

Justification.

Anointing.

Truth.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 3

As described in Ephesians 2:4-5, God gave mankind grace ...

through His love for us.

because He had to.

so mankind can live as they chose to live.

while mankind was still dead in their sins.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 4

As described in Ephesians 2:8, we are saved ...

by our repentance.

by God's grace through our faith.

by being water baptized.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 5

As described in Ephesians 2:8, grace comes ...

as a thief in the night.

through dedication to God.

as a gift of God.

by God and not by anything we can do on our own.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)



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