
Two biblical meanings of “Grace”

“Undeserved favor”

[We] are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:24

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“Power for Living”

My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

56 And Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her home. 57 Now the time was fulfilled for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son. 58 And her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had magnified His great mercy toward her, and they were rejoicing with her. 59 And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zechariah, after the name of his father. 60 But his mother answered and said, "No, but he shall be called John." 61 And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." 62 And they were making signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called.

Luke 1:56-62

63 And he asked for a tablet and wrote as follows, "His name is John." And they all marveled. 64 And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he began to speak, blessing God. 65 And fear came on all those living around them, and all these matters were being talked about in all the hill country of Judea. 66 And all who heard these things put them in their heart, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was indeed with him.

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: 68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He visited and accomplished redemption for His people,

Luke 1:63-69

69 and raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant — 70 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old — 71 salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us, 72 To show mercy toward our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant, 73 The oath which He swore to Abraham our father, 74 to grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go on before the Lord to make ready His ways, 77 to give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins,

Luke 1:70-78

78 because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, 79 to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to direct our feet into the way of peace.” 80 And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the desolate regions until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Luke 1:79-80

God's GREAT MERCY reveals His grace.

Now the time was fulfilled for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and her relatives heard that *the Lord had magnified His great mercy toward her*, and they were rejoicing with her.

Luke 1:57-58

God's GREAT MERCY reveals His grace.

Q: Where has God magnified His great mercy in YOUR life?

Q: How have you responded to it? How do you want to respond to it?

God's PATIENCE reveals His grace.

And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zechariah, after the name of his father. But his mother answered and said, "No, but *he shall be called John.*"

And he (Zechariah) asked for a tablet and wrote as follows, "*His name is John.*" And they all marveled.

Luke 1:59-60, 63

God's PATIENCE reveals His grace.

Q: Where has God demonstrated His grace through being patient with you?

Q: How have you responded? How do you want to respond?

God's WILLINGNESS TO USE US reveals His grace.

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And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and **he began to speak, blessing God.**

And his father ***Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied...***

Luke 1:57, 64, 67

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Q: How has God used you to express His grace in the world?

Q: How have you responded? How do you want to respond?

A biblical example of a right response ...

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He regarded me faithful, **putting me into service**, **13** even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown **mercy** because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; **14** and **the grace of our Lord was more than abundant**, with the faith and love which *are* in Christ Jesus. **15** It is a trustworthy saying and deserving full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost. **16** Yet for this reason I was shown **mercy**, so that in me as the foremost, Christ Jesus might demonstrate all His **patience** as an example for those who are going to believe upon Him for eternal life. **17** Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:12-17