THE GRACE OF GOD

I. In John's writings:

- 1. In the unveiling of God the **Father** being life in the **Son** as the **Spirit** to the believers,
 - John begins his writings with the grace that came with Christ in His incarnation (John 1:14-17)
 - Joh 1:14 And the **Word** became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of **grace** and reality.
 - Joh 1:15 John testified concerning Him and cried out, saying, This was He of whom I said, He who is coming after me has become ahead of me, because He was before me.
 - Joh 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
 - Joh 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.
 - and **ends** with the grace as the consummation not only of his writings but also of the entire Scriptures (Rev. 22:21).
 - Rev 22:21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.
- 2. This indicates that in the accomplishment of His eternal economy,
 - God **commenced** it in His incarnation by **coming to be a man** as the **grace** to the believers.

Hence, grace is the **Triune God** in His incarnation to be dispensed to the believers

- by the Father as the source,
- by the Son as the element, and
- by the Spirit as the application (2 Cor. 13:14).

So, in this dispensing of God, the grace is called

- the grace of **God** (1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 1:12; 8:1; 9:14),
- the grace of **Christ** (8:9; 12:9; 13:14),
- and the grace of which the **Spirit** is (Heb. 10:29).

II. In Peter's writings, the grace of God is presented as:

- 1. The grace that **multiplies** in the believers' daily life in the **full knowledge** of God and of Jesus their Lord—1 Pet. 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:2.
 - 1Pe 1:2 Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the Spirit unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace be multiplied.
 - 2Pe 1:2 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the full knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;
- 2. The grace of **life** that is the **inheritance** of all the believers, whether strong or weak—1 Pet. 3:7.
 - 1Pe 3:7 Husbands, in like manner dwell together with *them* according to knowledge, as with the weaker, female vessel, assigning honor to *them* as also to fellow heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.
- 3. The **varied** grace of God that indicates the **riches** of the grace of God in its varieties ministered by the saints one to another—4:10.
 - 1Pe 4:10 Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God.
- 4. The **all** grace by which God, who has called the believers into His **eternal glory**, perfects, establishes, strengthens, and grounds them through their sufferings—5:10.
 - 1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, *and* ground *you*.
- 5. The **true** grace of God that is the all grace of God in verse 10, into which the believers should **enter** and in which they should **stand**—v. 12.

- 1Pe 5:12 Through Silvanus, the faithful brother, as I account *him*, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying fully that this is the true **grace** of God; *enter* into this *grace* and stand *in it*.
- III. In his writings, **Paul** unveils to us that the grace of God is: {Romans = 14 aspects}

Grace in the Book of Romans

- 1. The grace for the enablement of the apostles—Rom. 1:5.
 - Rom 1:5 Through whom we have received grace and apostleship unto the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles on behalf of His name,
- 2. The grace for the believers' living—v. 7 and in the beginning of all his other Epistles except Hebrews.
 - Rom 1:7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, the called saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3. The grace by which we are justified freely through the redemption in Christ Jesus—Rom. 3:24.
 - Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
- 4. The grace versus wages in God's accounting for His justification of the believers—4:4. Rom 4:4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not accounted according to grace, but according to what is due.
- 5. The grace for the believers to inherit the promise of God, going along with faith—v. 16.
 - Rom 4:16 Therefore *the inheritance is* out of faith that *it might be* according to **grace**, so that the promise may be certain to all the seed, not to that which is of the law only, but also to that which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all
- 6. The grace into which the believers have entered and in which they stand—5:2. [1Pet.5:12] Rom 5:2 Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.
- 7. The abounding grace of God in which is the free gift of Christ—vv. 15, 20; 6:1.
 - Rom 5:15 But *it is* not *that* as the offense was, so also the gracious gift is; for if by the offense of the one the many died, much more the **grace** of God and the **free** gift in **grace** of the one man Jesus Christ have abounded to the many.
 - Rom 5:20 And the law entered in alongside that the offense might abound; but where sin abounded, grace has superabounded,
 - Rom 6:1 What then shall we say? Should we continue in sin that grace may abound?
- 8. The grace that enables the believers to reign (as a king) in life—5:17.
 - Rom 5:17 For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of **grace** and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.
- 9. The grace that may reign through righteousness unto eternal life—v. 21.
 - Rom 5:21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also **grace** might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 10. The grace that constitutes the dispensation of the New Testament,
 - which is separated from the dispensation of the law of the Old Testament, and
 - under which the believers are to overcome sin's lording it over them—6:14-15.
 - Rom 6:14 For sin will not lord it over you, for you are not under the law but under grace.
 - Rom 6:15 What then? Should we sin, because we are not under the law but under grace? Absolutely not!
- 11. The grace by which God selected His people and which is versus works—11:5-6.
 - Rom 11:5 In the same way then at the present time also there has come into being a remnant according to the selection of grace.
 - Rom 11:6 But if by grace, it is no longer out of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace.
- 12. The grace by which the apostles carried out their ministry—12:3; 15:15.
 - Rom 12:3 For I say, through the **grace** given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think more highly *of himself* than he ought to think, but to think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith.

Rom 15:15 - But I have written the more boldly to you on some points so as to remind you *of them* again because of the **grace** given to me by God

- 13. The grace according to which the gifts are distributed to the believers;
 - hence, grace is the basis of the gifts—12:6; cf. Eph. 4:7.
 - Rom 12:6 And having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
 - Eph 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- 14. The grace that is the enjoyment of God by the believers, under whose feet God will crush Satan—Rom. 16:20.

Rom 16:20 - Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Grace in the Book of 1 Corinthians

- 15. The grace that was given to the Corinthian believers based upon which the apostle thanked God—1 Cor. 1:4.
 - 1Co 1:4 I thank my God always concerning you based upon the grace of God which was given to you in Christ Jesus,
- 16. The grace that God gave to Paul, which made him a wise master builder—3:10.
 - 1Co 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation, and another builds upon *it*. But let each man take heed how he builds upon *it*.
- 17. The grace that made Paul an apostle who labored more abundantly than all the other apostles;
 - such a grace is just God Himself working through the apostle—15:10.
 - 1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.
- 18. The grace that is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and which is always with all the believers—16:23.

1Co 16:23 - The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

Grace in the Book of 2 Corinthians

- 19. The grace by which the apostles conducted themselves in the world—2 Cor. 1:12.
 - 2Co 1:12 For our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the **grace** of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you.
- 20. The apostle Paul's visitation to the Corinthian believers was considered as grace, which is God Himself—v. 15.
 - 2Co 1:15 And in this confidence I intended to come to you previously that you might have double grace,
- 21. The grace that abounded through the greater number, causing the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God—4:15.
 - 2Co 4:15 For all things are for your sakes that the grace which has abounded through the greater number may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.
- 22. The grace that the believers should not receive in vain—6:1.
 - 2Co 6:1 And working together with *Him*, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;
- 23. The surpassing grace of God given to the Macedonian churches by God, which was the cause of their liberality in giving—8:1-2; 9:14.
 - 2Co 8:1 Furthermore we make known to you, brothers, the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,
 - 2Co 8:2 That in much proving of affliction the abundance of their joy and the depth of their poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality;
 - 2Co 9:14 While in petition on your behalf they also long after you on account of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

- 24. The grace that became the fellowship of the Macedonian churches to minister to the need of the saints—8:4.
 - 2Co 8:4 With much entreaty they be sought of us the grace and the fellowship of the ministry to the saints;
- 25. The grace that is a business in which all the believers should participate for its accomplishment—vv. 6-7.
 - 2Co 8:6 So we entreated Titus that, even as he began before, so also he would complete for you this **grace** as well
 - 2Co 8:7 But just as you abound in everything, in faith and in word and in knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love in you from us, abound in this grace also.
- 26. The grace that is the Lord Jesus Christ's becoming poor that the believers may become rich—v. 9.
 - 2Co 8:9 For you know the **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, for your sakes He became poor in order that you, because of His poverty, might become rich.
- 27. The all grace that God causes to abound unto the believers that, in everything always having all sufficiency, they may abound unto every good work—9:8.
 - 2Co 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound unto you, that, in everything always having all sufficiency, you may abound unto every good work;
- 28. The sufficient grace of Christ to the apostle Paul as the power of Christ that was perfected in weakness and that overshadowed the apostle—12:9.
 - 2Co 12:9 And He has said to me, My **grace** is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.
- 29. The grace of the Lord Jesus, of which the love of God is the source and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit is the application—13:14.
 - 2Co 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Grace in the Book of Galatians

- 30. The grace of Christ by which God called the Galatian believers to the gospel according to God's economy—Gal. 1:6.
 - Gal 1:6 I marvel that you are so quickly removing from Him who has called you in the **grace** of Christ to a different gospel,
- 31. The grace through which God called the apostle Paul—v. 15.
 - Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,
- 32. The grace that was given to the apostle Paul and realized by James, Cephas, and John—2:9.
 - Gal 2:9 And perceiving the grace given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and to Barnabas the right hand of fellowship that we *should go* to the Gentiles, and they, to the circumcision.
- 33. The grace through which Paul was justified and which he would not nullify—v. 21.

 Gal 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness is through law, then Christ has died for nothing.
- 34. The grace from which the Galatian believers had fallen because they went back to the law for their justification—5:4.
 - Gal 5:4 You have been brought to nought, *separated* from Christ, you who are being justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
- 35. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ that was in the spirit of the Galatian believers for their remaining in God's New Testament economy—6:18.
 - Gal 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers.

 Amen.

Grace in the Book of **Ephesians**

- 36. The rich grace of God with which He graced the believers in choosing, predestinating, and redeeming them in Christ—Eph. 1:4-7.
 - Eph 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,
 - Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
 - Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;
 - Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace,
- 37. The grace by which the believers have been saved through the death and resurrection of Christ and of which the surpassing riches might be displayed in the ages to come—2:5-8.
 - Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)
 - Eph 2:6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,
 - Eph 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His **grace** in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
 - Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God;
- 38. The grace of which the apostle Paul was given the stewardship by God to carry out His New Testament economy in Christ—3:2, 7-9.
 - Eph 3:2 If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you,
 - Eph 3:7 Of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God which was given to me according to the operation of His power.
 - Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this **grace** given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
 - Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,
- 39. The grace that is given to the believers according to what kind of gifts (gifted persons) they are in the Body of Christ—4:7.
 - Eph 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- 40. The grace concerning the entire salvation of Christ, which is ministered to others out of the believers' mouth in their common talk—v. 29.
 - Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but only that which is good for building up, according to the need, that it may give grace to those who hear.
- 41. The grace that is with those who love the Lord in incorruptibility—6:24.
 - Eph 6:24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.

Grace in the Book of **Philippians**

- 42. The grace of which the Philippian believers were partakers with the apostle Paul both in his bonds and in his defense and confirmation of the gospel—Phil. 1:7.
 - Phi 1:7 Even as it is right for me to think this concerning you all because you have me in your heart, since both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel you are all fellow partakers with me of grace.
- 43. The grace that was with the spirit of the Philippian believers in their experiences of Christ when the church was under persecution—4:23.
 - Phi 4:23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Grace in the Book of Colossians

- 44. The grace that the Colossian believers heard and knew in truth—Col. 1:6.
 - Col 1:6 Which has come to you, even as it is also in all the world, bearing fruit and growing, as also in you, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

- 45. The grace that the apostle Paul exhorted the believers in Colossae to sing with in their hearts when the word of Christ dwelt in them richly in all wisdom by their teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs—3:16.
 - Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.
- 46. The grace with which the believers' speech should always be, seasoned with salt, that they may know how they ought to answer each one—4:6.
 - Col 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Grace in the Book of the **Thessalonians**

- 47. The grace that kept the Thessalonian saints sanctified wholly and preserved complete in their spirit, soul, and body—1 Thes. 5:23-28.
 - 1Th 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserve complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 1Th 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, who also will do it.
 - 1Th 5:25 Brothers, pray also for us.
 - 1Th 5:26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.
 - 1Th 5:27 I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.
 - 1Th 5:28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- 48. The grace according to which the name of the Lord Jesus was glorified in the Thessalonian saints and they were glorified in Him—2 Thes. 1:12.
 - 2Th 1:12 So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 49. The grace in which the Lord Jesus Christ and God the Father loved the Thessalonian saints and gave them eternal comfort and good hope and would comfort their hearts and establish them in every good work and word—2:16-17.
 - 2Th 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope in grace,
 - 2Th 2:17 Comfort your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

Grace in the Book of 1 Timothy

- 50. The grace of the Lord that superabounded with faith and love in Christ to the apostle Paul for his dynamic and excellent salvation that he might be one of the greatest apostles—1 Tim. 1:14.
 - 1Ti 1:14 And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.
- 51. The grace with Timothy that enabled him to guard the deposit and turn away from profane, vain babblings and oppositions from what was falsely called knowledge, not misaiming concerning the faith—6:20-21.
 - 1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, guard the deposit, turning away from profane, vain babblings and oppositions from what is falsely called knowledge,
 - 1Ti 6:21 Because of which some, professing this, have misaimed regarding the faith. Grace be with you.

Grace in the Book of 2 Timothy

- 52. The grace according to which God had saved the apostles and called them with a holy calling and which was given to them in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages—2 Tim. 1:9.
 - 2Ti 1:9 Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages

- 53. The grace which is in Christ Jesus and in which Timothy, one of the younger co-workers of the apostle Paul, was empowered in the degradation of the church—2:1.
 - 2Ti 2:1 You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;
- 54. The grace that was with Timothy through the Lord in his spirit—4:22.
 - 2Ti 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Grace in the Book of **Titus**

- 55. The grace of God that has appeared to bring salvation to all men, training us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in the present age, awaiting the blessed hope, even the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ—Titus 2:11-13.
 - Tit 2:11 For the grace of God, bringing salvation to all men, has appeared,
 - Tit 2:12 Training us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in the present age,
 - Tit 2:13 Awaiting the blessed hope, even the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
- 56. The grace of God by which we have been justified that we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life—3:7.
 - Tit 3:7 In order that having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- 57. The grace that was with the believers who loved the apostles in faith—v. 15.

 Tit 3:15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with you all.

Grace in the Book of **Philemon**

58. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ that was in Philemon's spirit enabling him to receive Onesimus, who was his escaped slave, as a brother—Philem. 25.

Phm 25 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Grace in the Book of **Hebrews**

- 59. The grace of God by which Christ tasted death on behalf of everything (every man)—Heb. 2:9.
 - Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the **grace** of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.
- 60. The grace that is found for timely help by the believers who come forward to the throne of grace—4:16.
 - Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
- 61. The grace of which the Spirit is and with which the Spirit worked within the staggering Hebrew believers, who were insulting the Spirit by shrinking back to Judaism from God's New Testament salvation, trampling underfoot the Son of God and considering the blood of the covenant by which they were sanctified a common thing—10:29.
 - Heb 10:29 By how much do you think he will be thought worthy of worse punishment who has trampled underfoot the Son of God and has considered the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and has insulted the Spirit of grace?
- 62. The grace of God from which the believers fall away because of their not looking carefully—12:15.

- Heb 12:15 Looking carefully lest anyone fall away from the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and through this many be defiled;
- 63. The grace that was received by those who had received an unshakable kingdom and through which they might serve God well-pleasingly with piety and fear—v. 28.

 Heb 12:28 Therefore receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us have grace, through which we may serve God well-pleasingly with piety and fear;
- 64. The grace by which the heart of those who would not be carried away by various strange teachings was confirmed—13:9.
 - Heb 13:9 Do not be carried away by various strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be confirmed by grace, not by the food *of sacrifices*, by which those who walk were not profited.
- 65. The grace that was with the Hebrew believers to keep them from shrinking back to their old religion from God's New Testament economy—v. 25.

 Heb 13:25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

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