

THE GRACE OF GOD—(Gleanings)

GLEANINGS OF GRACE IN LUKE

1. The **grace** that was the **initiation** of God's grace in the New Testament by the Holy Spirit's **visit** to Mary for the **conceiving** of Christ—Luke 1:28, 30.
Luk 1:28 - And he came to her and said, Rejoice, you who have been **graced**! The **Lord is with you**.
Luk 1:30 - And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found **grace with God**.
2. The **grace** in which the Lord Jesus **grew in His humanity** as the preparation for Him to minister the **grace** of God in His ministry as the Savior of man—2:40.
Luk 2:40 - And the little child grew and became strong, being **filled with wisdom**, and the **grace of God** was upon Him.
3. The **grace** in which Jesus as a **young boy advanced** with God and men while He was also advancing in wisdom and stature—v. 52.
Luk 2:52 - And Jesus **advanced in wisdom** and stature and in the **grace manifested in Him** before God and men.
4. The **grace** that **proceeded out of the mouth** of the Lord Jesus as the God-sent Prophet to men to meet their need—4:22.
Luk 4:22 - And all bore witness to Him and marveled at the words of **grace proceeding** out of His mouth, and they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

GLEANINGS OF GRACE IN ACTS

5. The **grace** that is the expression of God's attributes in human **virtues in the living** of the early believers in Jerusalem—Acts 2:47.
Act 2:47 - Praising God and having **grace** with all the people.
And the Lord **added together** day by day those who were being saved.
6. The **grace** that was upon the multitude of believers when the apostles gave them **testimony of the resurrection** of the Lord Jesus—4:33.
Act 4:33 - And with great power the apostles gave **testimony of the resurrection** of the Lord Jesus, and great **grace** was upon them all.
7. The **grace** of which Stephen was full, and the **power** of which he was full, when he did **great wonders and signs** among the people—6:8.
Act 6:8 - And Stephen, **full of grace** and **power**, did great wonders and signs among the people.
8. The **grace enjoyed** by the believers in Antioch, which Barnabas saw—11:23.
Act 11:23 - Who, when he arrived and saw the **grace of God**, **rejoiced** and encouraged them all to remain with the Lord with purpose of heart;
9. The **grace** in which the new believers were urged to **continue** by the apostles Paul and Barnabas—13:43.
Act 13:43 - And when the synagogue gathering had been dismissed, many of the Jews and the devout proselytes **followed** Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the **grace of God**.
10. The **grace** of which the word of God is, **ministered** to the new believers by Paul and Barnabas—14:3.
Act 14:3 - Therefore they spent a considerable amount of time speaking with boldness in the Lord, who **testified** to the word of His **grace** by granting signs and wonders to be done through their hands.
11. The **grace** of God to which Paul and Barnabas had been **commended** for the work, which they **fulfilled**—v. 26.
Act 14:26 - And from there they sailed away to Antioch, where they had been **commended** to the **grace of God** for the work which they **fulfilled**.
12. The **grace** of the Lord Jesus through which Peter and the Jewish believers were **saved** in the same way as the Gentile believers were—15:11.
Act 15:11 - But we believe that through the **grace of the Lord Jesus** we are **saved** in the same way also as they are.
13. The **grace** of the Lord to which Paul and Silas were **commended** by the brothers—v. 40.
Act 15:40 - But Paul chose Silas and went out, having been **commended** to the **grace of the Lord** by the brothers.

14. The **grace** through which Apollos **helped** the believers in the region of Achaia—18:27.
Act 18:27 - And when he intended to pass through into Achaia, the brothers encouraged *him* and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he arrived *there*, he **helped** much through **grace** those who had believed;
15. The **grace** of which is the gospel solemnly **testified** by the apostle Paul in his ministry—20:24.
Act 20:24 - But I consider my life of no account *as if* precious to myself, in order that I may finish my course and the ministry which I have received from the Lord Jesus to **solemnly testify** of the gospel of the **grace of God**.
16. The **grace** of which the word is, to which the apostle Paul **committed** the Ephesian elders—v. 32.
Act 20:32 - And now I **commit** you to God and to the word of His **grace**, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who have been sanctified.

GLEANINGS OF GRACE IN JAMES

17. The **grace** that is greater, given by God to the **humble** as it was prophesied in the Old Testament that God resists the proud but gives **grace to the humble**—James 4:6.
Jam 4:6 - But He gives **greater grace**; therefore it says, “God resists the proud but gives **grace** to the **humble**.”

GLEANINGS OF GRACE IN 2JOHN 3

18. The **grace** that, with **mercy** and **peace**, is with the believers from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love—2 John 3.
2Jo 3 - **Grace**, **mercy**, **peace** will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

GLEANINGS OF GRACE IN JUDE

19. The **grace** that was **perverted into licentiousness** by ungodly men, who **denied** the only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ—Jude 4.
Jud 4 - For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who of old have been written of beforehand for this judgment, ungodly men, perverting the **grace** of our God into licentiousness and **denying** our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

GLEANINGS OF GRACE IN 1&2 PETER

20. The **grace** that was to come unto the believers, which was **prophesied** by the prophets, who sought and searched diligently concerning the salvation of the believers’ souls—1 Pet. 1:9-10.
1Pe 1:9 - Receiving the end of your faith, the **salvation of your souls**.
 1Pe 1:10 - Concerning this salvation the prophets, who **prophesied** concerning the **grace** *that was to come* unto you, sought and **sought** diligently,
21. The **grace** on which the believers **set their hope** perfectly and which will be brought to the believers at the revelation of Jesus Christ—v. 13.
1Pe 1:13 - Therefore girding up the loins of your mind *and* being sober, **set your hope** perfectly on the **grace** being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
22. The **grace** with God that is the believers’ bearing sorrows by suffering unjustly and the believers’ **enduring** while doing good and suffering—2:19-20.
1Pe 2:19 - For this is **grace**, if anyone, because of a consciousness of God, bears sorrows by **suffering unjustly**.
 1Pe 2:20 - For what glory is it if, while sinning and being buffeted, you **endure**?
 But if, while doing good and suffering, you endure, this is **grace with God**.
23. The **grace** that God gives to the **humble** while He **resists the proud**—5:5.
1Pe 5:5 - In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God **resists the proud** but gives **grace** to the **humble**.
24. The **grace** in which, together with the **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the believers should **grow unto His glory** both now and unto the day of eternity—2 Pet. 3:18.
2Pe 3:18 - But **grow** in the **grace** and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and unto the day of eternity. Amen.
25. This is the **concluding** word of the apostle Peter’s writings, indicating that whatever he has written is **of, in, by, and through** the **grace of God**.

GLEANINGS OF GRACE IN JOHN

26. The **grace** that we the believers have **received** in the New Testament is **rich unto its fullness**,
- which is the expression of the **overflowing riches** that we have **received** in Christ through the Spirit for the accomplishment of God the Father's New Testament economy, which is His **eternal economy**—John 1:16.
- Joh 1:16 - For of His **fullness** we have all received, and **grace** upon **grace**.

GLEANINGS OF GRACE GIVEN TO THE LOCAL CHURCHES

27. The **grace** **given** to the local churches in the **dark age** of the church's **degradation** is for the believers who seek to answer the Lord's calling **to be His overcomers**

- over the self (Matt. 16:24),
- the devil (Heb. 2:14),
- sin (Rom. 5:21a),
- the cosmos of Satan (John 12:31),
- satanic Judaism (Rev. 3:9),
- demonic Catholicism (2:20, 24), and
- Christless Protestantism (3:1b, 20)
- for the closing of all the ages and for the bringing in of the **New Jerusalem**—1:4. This indicates that **grace reigns unto eternal life** (Rom. 5:21b).

Mat 16:24 - Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross and follow Me.

Heb 2:14 - Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might **destroy** him who has the might of death, that is, **the devil**,

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.

Joh 12:31 - Now is the **judgment of this world**; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

Rev 3:9 - Behold, I will make those of the **synagogue of Satan**, those who call themselves Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will cause them to come and fall prostrate before your feet and to know that I have loved you.

Rev 2:20 - But I have *something* against you, that you tolerate the **woman Jezebel**, she who calls herself a prophetess and teaches and leads My slaves astray to commit **fornication** and to eat idol sacrifices.

Rev 2:24 - But I say to you—the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this teaching, who have not known the **deep things of Satan**, as they say—I put no other burden upon you;

Rev 3:1 - And to the messenger of the church in Sardis write: These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have a name that you are **living**, and **yet you are dead**.

Rev 3:20 - Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

Rev 1:4 - John to the seven churches which are in Asia: **Grace** to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

28. The **grace** of the Lord Jesus **dispensed** to His believers throughout the New Testament age consummates in the New Jerusalem as the consummation of God's good pleasure in joining and **mingling Himself with man** for His glorious enlargement and eternal expression—Rev. 22:21.

Rev 22:21 -The **grace** of the **Lord Jesus** be **with all the saints**. **Amen**.

A concluding word:

The New Testament is a **history** of the **grace of God**
as the **incarnation** of the **Triune God**
in His **Trinity** processed and consummated.

