

THE UNSHAKEABLE WORD

NEW KING JAMES VERSION

70 Bible Verses

About Grace

From the law of Moses to the throne of God

• *By grace you have been saved through faith — it is the gift of God* •

Grace is the word Scripture uses when it wants to say that God gives what we do not deserve and withholds what we do. It is not a thin word. It is not mere leniency or divine indifference toward sin. It is the most costly, most deliberate, most astonishing movement in all of history — God stepping toward the people who had turned away, at enormous personal expense, to give them something they could never earn and cannot lose.

The Greek word is *charis* — favour, gift, delight. It appears in the New Testament over 150 times. Paul opens nearly every letter with it. He closes nearly every letter with it. He cannot stop talking about it, because he knows what his life looked like before it found him.

These seventy verses trace grace from its first appearances in the law and the psalms, through the incarnation, through the cross and the resurrection, and all the way to the throne of God where we are told we may come boldly — not tentatively, not apologetically, but boldly — to receive mercy and find grace in our time of need.

Read them slowly. Let the full weight of what God has freely given find you exactly where you are.

GRACE: WHERE IT ALL BEGINS

Before you did anything. Before you knew you needed it. Grace was already moving toward you.

1

EPHESIANS 2:8–9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

This is the centre of the whole message. Not of yourselves — the salvation is not produced by you, not maintained by you, not secured by your performance. It is the gift of God, given by grace and received through faith. The exclusion of boasting is not incidental. It is the point. Grace leaves no room for the thing that would corrupt it.

2

ROMANS 3:23–24

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

All have sinned — the ground is level at the foot of the cross. And then the pivot: being justified freely. The Greek is *dorean*: as a gift, gratis, for nothing. The justification costs you nothing because it cost Christ everything.

3

TITUS 2:11

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.”

The grace of God has appeared — it became visible, it showed up in history. The incarnation is not merely an event of theology. It is grace making itself seen. And it appeared to all men. Not a select few. All.

4

ROMANS 5:20

“But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.”

Wherever sin has done its worst, grace has done more. Paul does not cap the outreach of grace at any particular level of failure. No matter how deep the sin went, grace went further. The word for abounded much more is *hyperperisseuo* — to overflow beyond all measure.

5

JOHN 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Full of grace and truth — both, together, always. Grace without truth becomes indulgence. Truth without grace becomes cruelty. In Christ, the two are never separated. When you see Jesus in the Gospels, you are seeing what it looks like for grace and truth to occupy the same person completely.

GRACE BEFORE THE LAW

The Old Testament knew grace. Its very first occurrence in Scripture tells us all we need to know.

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GENESIS 6:8

“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”

The very first use of the word grace in the Bible. The world is corrupt. God grieves. And then Noah — and the word is not that Noah earned something, or achieved something, but that he found grace. You do not manufacture grace. You find it, in the eyes of a God who is looking at you. Everything that follows in the Bible is the story of grace found in the eyes of the Lord.

7

EXODUS 33:17

“So the Lord said to Moses, ‘I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.’”

I know you by name. Grace is not impersonal. It does not deal with categories of people. It deals with persons — this one, known by name, seen individually. To find grace in God’s sight is to be personally known by the God of the universe.

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PSALM 84:11

“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”

Grace and glory together — the gift for today and the destination for tomorrow. The God who gives grace does not stop there. He is moving you toward glory. No good thing withheld — not because you are perfect, but because He is generous.

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PROVERBS 3:34

“Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble.”

Grace flows toward humility. Not because humility earns it — grace cannot be earned. But humility creates the posture that can receive it. The proud hand is closed; the humble hand is open. God gives to the open hand.

10

ZECHARIAH 4:7

“‘Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of “Grace, grace to it!”’”

When the capstone of the temple is placed, the crowd does not shout about the architecture or the achievement. They cry: Grace, grace! The completed work of God is always celebrated with those two words. What God finishes, He finishes by grace.

SAVED BY GRACE

Salvation is not a transaction you initiated. It is a rescue mission God planned before you existed.

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EPHESIANS 2:4–6

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

But God. Two words that change everything. We were dead — not sick, not struggling, not slightly off course. Dead. And God, who is rich in mercy, moved. The parenthetical — by grace you have been saved — is not an aside. It is the thesis. And the result is staggering: seated with Christ, in the heavenly places, now. Grace does not merely forgive what you were. It raises you to where He is.

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2 TIMOTHY 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 time began.”

Before time began. The grace that found you was prepared before you had done a single thing — good or bad. It was not a response to your behaviour. It was the purpose of God, set before the world had a name.

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ACTS 15:11

“But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.”

The Jerusalem Council’s conclusion: the same grace, for everyone. The way of salvation is not different for different people. It is the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, available on the same terms — freely — to all.

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ROMANS 11:6

“And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace.”

Paul insists on the logic. Grace and works are mutually exclusive as the basis of salvation. If works contribute, grace is not grace. The categories are protected because what is at stake is the purity of the gift — and the dignity of the Giver.

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GALATIANS 2:21

“I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

Paul stakes everything on this. If the law could produce righteousness, there was no need for the cross. The cross is the proof that the law could not save. And the cross is the proof that grace can. To set grace aside is to make the death of Christ pointless.

GRACE GREATER THAN SIN

No failure in your past is larger than the grace God poured out at Calvary.

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ROMANS 5:8

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

The timing is everything. Not after we repented. Not after we cleaned ourselves up. While we were still sinners — mid-failure, mid-rebellion, mid-running-away — grace moved. The demonstration of divine love is not in what God felt but in what He did, exactly when He chose to do it.

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1 TIMOTHY 1:13–14

“...although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”

Paul does not airbrush his past. He names it precisely: blasphemer, persecutor, insolent. And then he names what met it: exceedingly abundant grace. The worse the background, the more astonishing the grace. Paul’s testimony exists so that no one else can claim their history is too bad for God to reach.

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1 JOHN 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Faithful and just to forgive — not despite justice but in accordance with it, because the debt was paid at the cross. Cleanse from all unrighteousness — not most, not the forgivable parts. All. Grace does not do partial work.

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PSALM 103:10–12

“He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities... as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

East and west — unlike north and south, they have no poles, no meeting point. The psalmist chose the one direction that goes on infinitely. Your sins have been placed at an infinite distance from you. Grace does not merely cover them. It removes them.

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MICAH 7:18–19

“Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity... He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”

Cast into the depths of the sea — not filed, not archived for later reference. Drowned. Submerged. Gone. The God who forgives does not keep a record to consult when you need to be reminded of who you used to be.

THE THRONE OF GRACE

The invitation of grace is the most remarkable address in the universe: come boldly.

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HEBREWS 4:16

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Boldly — the Greek is *parresia*: with freedom, with openness, with confidence. Not cringing. Not apologising for arriving. Boldly, because the throne is a throne of grace, not of judgement. You are not coming to be evaluated. You are coming to receive — mercy and grace, exactly when you need them most. The One on the throne has already paid for your welcome.

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HEBREWS 4:14–15

“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God... who was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

The reason you can come boldly is that the One interceding for you knows the territory. He has felt the weight of every temptation. He is not dispensing grace from a place of comfortable distance. He is the great High Priest who has been in the thick of it and did not break.

23

ROMANS 5:1–2

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand.”

This grace in which we stand — it is not an occasional visit. It is the ground you are standing on right now. Access was given through Christ, and it is permanent. You live inside grace. Every breath is taken in the space grace has opened.

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JAMES 4:6

“But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’”

He gives more grace. Not a fixed allocation that runs out if you draw on it too often. More. The grace of God does not diminish with use. The more you need it, the more He gives. The supply is always exceeding the demand.

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

The multiplication of all is intentional — all grace, always, all sufficiency, all things. God does not ration grace carefully. He makes it abound — not merely enough, but enough left over for every good work you are called to.

GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION

Justification is what grace produces in the courtroom of heaven: a verdict you could never earn, declared freely.

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ROMANS 4:4–5

“Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.”

Paul draws the sharpest possible contrast. Wages are owed — they are not grace; they are debt. But to the one who stops working for righteousness and simply believes — who trusts the God who justifies the ungodly — faith is counted as righteousness. The ungodly. Not the almost-righteous. The ungodly. That is the reach of grace.

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ROMANS 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.”

No condemnation — not reduced condemnation, not deferred condemnation, not condemnation pending review. None. Now. The verdict grace delivers is not qualified. The case is closed, dismissed, never to be reopened. This is the freedom grace produces.

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

The great exchange. He took what was ours — sin. We received what was His — righteousness. This is not an accounting trick. It is the most costly transaction in history, borne entirely by grace, resulting in the complete moral transformation of the one who receives it.

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ISAIAH 53:5

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”

The prepositions carry the weight: for our transgressions, for our iniquities. The suffering was not incidental — it was substitutionary. Seven centuries before the crucifixion, the prophet described it exactly. Grace had a cost, and it was borne by the One who owed nothing.

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GALATIANS 3:13

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.”

Redeemed — purchased out of captivity. The law pronounced a curse on failure, and every human being had failed. Christ stepped inside that curse, absorbed it completely, and emerged on the other side as redemption. Grace does not merely overlook the curse. It pays for it.

GRACE FOR THE BROKEN

The most astonishing thing about grace is not its scope. It is its direction — always toward the broken.

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2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’”

Paul asked three times for the thorn to be removed. The answer was: My grace is sufficient. Sufficient — adequate, complete, enough for exactly this. The weakness is not the problem grace is waiting for you to fix before it arrives. The weakness is the very place grace enters most fully. When you cannot manage at all, grace becomes everything.

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LUKE 4:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.”

The mission of grace, declared in Jesus’ first sermon. Every person in that list is defined by something that has undone them: poverty, brokenness, captivity, blindness, oppression. Grace does not wait for them to recover. It comes to them in the undone place and begins the work of restoration.

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PSALM 51:1

“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.”

David writes this after the worst failure of his life. His appeal is not to his track record or his status. It is to the lovingkindness and tender mercies of God — to grace itself. The quality of his plea is not what saves him. The character of the God he is pleading to is what saves him.

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ISAIAH 30:18

“Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you.”

God waits to be gracious. He is not reluctant, dispensing grace slowly and with conditions. He is positioned, ready, waiting for the moment to pour out grace on the one who has come to the end of themselves. He is more eager to give it than you are to ask for it.

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MATTHEW 9:13

“‘For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.’”

Jesus identifies His mission clearly: sinners. Not the people who have it together. Not the ones who feel ready to approach God. The ones who know they are not. Grace goes where the need is greatest, which is the same place the pride is least.

GRACE THAT TRANSFORMS

Grace is not merely a pardon. It is a power. It does not leave you where it finds you.

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TITUS 2:11–12

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.”

Grace teaches — it is not passive. The same grace that saves also instructs, corrects, and forms. It teaches you to say no to what once had power over you. Grace is not a licence for sin. It is the most powerful force against it, because it changes the person rather than merely changing the rules.

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

I am what I am — Paul’s identity is entirely sourced in grace. And grace was not in vain in him: it produced labour, effort, extraordinary output. Yet not I. Grace does not produce passivity. It produces the most fruitful life possible, because it has the power of God behind it.

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ROMANS 6:14

“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

Grace removes the dominion of sin — not by tightening the rules but by changing the person. Under law, sin exploited the prohibition. Under grace, the power of sin over you has been broken at the root. You are not the person you were. Grace has made you different.

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2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Transformed from glory to glory — it is a process, not an instant. The grace of God does not demand that you arrive complete. It commits to the work of making you like Christ over the course of a lifetime. Every stage of the journey is held by grace.

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PHILIPPIANS 1:6

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

He who began it will complete it. The God who started the work of grace in you is not going to abandon the project halfway through. He finishes what He starts. The confidence is not in your progress. It is in the One who is doing the work.

GRACE IN WEAKNESS AND SUFFERING

Grace does not exempt you from difficulty. It meets you inside it, and it is enough.

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2 CORINTHIANS 12:10

“Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

When I am weak, then I am strong — the weakness and the strength are simultaneous. In the moment of weakness, grace is most fully accessed, and that grace is the strength of God. Paul did not learn to enjoy suffering. He learned to recognise what suffering made room for.

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ROMANS 8:28

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

Grace is at work even in the things that do not feel like grace. God takes the material of suffering, disappointment, and loss and works it together toward good. Not that everything is good. That everything is being worked. The hands of grace are always busy.

43

1 PETER 4:10

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Manifold grace — many-faceted, many-coloured, expressed through many kinds of gifts in many kinds of people. The grace of God is not uniform. It is diverse, spreading through the body of Christ in a thousand different forms, each one needed, each one a stewardship.

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ISAIAH 40:29

“He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.”

To those who have no might — the qualification for this grace is the absence of strength, not its presence. You do not need to gather yourself before approaching God. The emptiness is the invitation. He gives to those who have nothing left to bring.

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PSALM 23:6

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Follow — the Hebrew suggests pursue, chase down. Goodness and mercy are not occasional visitors. They are active companions, pursuing you through every dark valley and every bright meadow. Grace does not stay behind when things get hard. It chases you into the hard places.

GRACE AND THE GOSPEL

The gospel — the good news — is simply grace announced. There is no gospel without it.

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JOHN 3:16–17

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

Not to condemn — the world had already condemned itself. He came to save. The gospel is not the announcement of a new standard to achieve. It is the announcement that the achievement has been made, at enormous cost, and it is offered freely. That is grace.

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ACTS 20:24

“...so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

The gospel of the grace of God — Paul’s summary of everything he had given his life to proclaim. Not the gospel of morality or achievement, but of grace. This is the message worth finishing the race for.

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GALATIANS 1:6

“I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel.”

Paul marvels — is astonished, cannot comprehend it — that anyone would trade grace for a different gospel. A message that adds conditions to grace is not a revised version of the good news. It is another thing altogether.

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ROMANS 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

The gospel is not a suggestion or a proposal. It is the power of God. The same divine power that spoke worlds into existence is the power at work in the gospel of grace when it is believed. It saves, and it saves completely.

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1 PETER 1:13

“Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Rest your hope fully upon the grace — not partially, not provisionally. Fully. There is no other foundation being suggested as a supplement. Grace alone bears the weight of your hope, and it is sufficient to carry it from this moment all the way to the revelation of Jesus Christ.

GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is not God relaxing His standards. It is grace fully bearing their cost.

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EPHESIANS 1:7

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

According to the riches of His grace — not according to the smallness of your sin, not according to your contrition. According to the riches. The measure of the forgiveness is the measure of the grace, and the grace of God has no ceiling.

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COLOSSIANS 1:13–14

“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

Delivered and conveyed — both are divine actions, not human ones. You did not work your way out of darkness or strive your way into the kingdom. Grace did both movements. You were taken from one place and placed in another, entirely by the work of the Son.

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ACTS 13:38–39

“Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.”

From all things from which you could not be justified by the law — what the law could never accomplish, grace in Christ accomplishes completely. The forgiveness is total. There is no residual case remaining.

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LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”

New every morning. The grace and compassion of God does not carry over yesterday’s disappointments into today. Each morning is a fresh supply — not depleted, not rationed, not held back because of what happened yesterday. Great is His faithfulness means the supply never runs dry.

GRACE AND THE SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the agent of grace — the one who makes it real in the life of every believer.

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HEBREWS 10:29

“...and insulted the Spirit of grace?”

The Spirit is called the Spirit of grace — grace is His native element, His characteristic work. Where the Spirit is present and welcome, grace is active. The Spirit does not bring condemnation. He brings the grace that convicts without crushing, that confronts without destroying, that restores what sin has broken.

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ROMANS 5:5

“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Poured out — not dripped, not measured carefully. Poured. The Holy Spirit pours the love and grace of God into the interior of every believer. Grace is not an external arrangement only. It is an internal experience, made real by the Spirit who lives within.

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JOHN 16:13

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth.”

To guide into all truth is to lead into the full understanding of grace — what it cost, what it produces, how wide and long and high and deep it truly is. The Spirit does not leave you with a partial view of grace. He leads you further in.

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GALATIANS 5:22–23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

The fruit is the evidence of grace at work from the inside. It is not produced by trying harder. It is grown by the Spirit of grace as the life of Christ becomes increasingly the life of the believer. Grace does not just pardon. It produces.

GROWING IN GRACE

Grace is not a transaction you complete. It is a life you grow into.

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2 PETER 3:18

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

The last instruction in Peter’s second letter — and it is a command to grow, not to arrive. Grace is not a fixed deposit but a living reality that can be grown into more fully. Every day spent in the knowledge of Christ is a day spent deeper inside grace. Peter’s final word is not a warning. It is an invitation into more.

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EPHESIANS 4:7

“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”

To each one — not to the qualified few, not to the mature only. Every believer has been given grace. And the measure is Christ’s gift — which is to say, it is not small. The grace given to you is as large as the one who gave it.

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COLOSSIANS 4:6

“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

Grace is not only received. It is lived, spoken, expressed toward others. The grace that has transformed you now shapes the words you choose. Speech seasoned with grace is generous, honest, and kind — carrying the flavour of what God has done for you into every conversation.

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1 PETER 5:5

“Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’”

Be clothed with humility — put it on deliberately, as a garment. Humility is not the result of low self-esteem. It is the recognition that everything good you have, you have received. That recognition opens the hand. And to the open hand, God gives grace.

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HEBREWS 12:28

“Since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”

Grace enables service. The unshakeable kingdom produces gratitude, and gratitude energises worship and work. This is grace’s full circle: received freely, it flows out again in the life of the person who knows what they have been given.

GRACE THAT CANNOT BE UNDONE

What grace has done, no one can undo — not your worst day, not your worst failure.

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ROMANS 8:38–39

“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Paul exhausts every category of threat and finds not one of them capable of severing the connection grace has established. The love of God in Christ Jesus holds with a strength that nothing created was made powerful enough to break. You are not held by your grip. You are held by His.

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JOHN 10:28–29

“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

Two hands, one assurance: the Son’s and the Father’s. You are not held loosely, not placed precariously. You are gripped by both. No one — not an enemy, not a failure, not your own worst moments — can remove you from that grip. This is the security grace provides.

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JUDE 24–25

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy... to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power.”

Faultless before the presence of His glory — this is the destination of everyone held by grace. Not presented as improved, or mostly cleaned up. Faultless. With exceeding joy. That is the finish line grace is carrying you toward.

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:23–24

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely... He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. Grace is not only the start. It carries you through. The One who began the work will see it through to completion. Faithful means He will not change His mind. He will do it.

THE ETERNAL GRACE

Grace does not end at death. It was prepared before time and it extends beyond it.

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EPHESIANS 2:7

“That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

In the ages to come — the full display of grace has not yet been seen. What we have experienced here is the foretaste. God’s purpose is to spend eternity showing us the exceeding riches of His grace, as though what He has already done were only the opening chapter of a story whose full scale we have not yet been able to comprehend. Grace is not a chapter. It is the story itself, without an end.

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REVELATION 22:21

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

The last sentence of the Bible. After all of history, all the prophecy, all the vision of thrones and judgements and new creation — the final word is grace. Not a warning, not a command, not a condition. A blessing. Grace be with you. The last word of God to the human race is a gift.

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JOHN 1:16

“And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.”

Grace for grace — wave upon wave, layer upon layer, grace replacing grace replacing grace. From the fullness of Christ, it keeps coming. Every grace you have received is followed by more. It is not a reservoir that empties. It is a spring that cannot run dry, flowing from the inexhaustible fullness of the Son of God.

Seventy glimpses of the most extravagant reality in the universe — a God who looked at what we were and what we had done, and chose not condemnation but grace; who sent His Son not to judge but to save; who invites the broken, the failing, and the far-off to come boldly to a throne that has been named for what it gives:

Grace, freely, without measure, without end, to all who come.

The last word of the Bible is grace. Let it be the word your heart keeps returning to.

ACLOSINGPRAYER

Lord, I have read these words about grace.

There are places inside me that still find it hard to believe

that what You offer is truly free —

that nothing I have done has placed me beyond Your reach.

Speak into those places now.

Let grace be not merely a doctrine I hold

but a reality I live inside of,

a ground I stand on without apology,

a gift I receive with open hands.

And let what I have freely received, I freely give.

Amen.