

Grace has been mislabeled. It is not **Salvation** given as an unmerited favor of God!

Grace is God's willingness to **reason** with the rebellious sinners, such as Saul of Tarsus, inviting them to do the things necessary to be saved. Faith without works is dead being **alone**. James 2: 17.

God's Grace reasoned with Paul on the road to Damascus. Paul could have rejected Jesus as he had done up until this time. Salvation is not an automatic gift. There is something a sinner must do to be saved. **Jesus said:** Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou **must do**. (i.e. you are **not there** yet Paul.) The Grace of God does not **allow us to do** what we **carnally** think is right. **There is no connection** until we **surrender** to God's will. 2 Corinthians 6:14---what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

When I was a kid we 5 young children would purposely do things to upset my mother. She would break down and cry. We loved it. Her first instinct ~> kill them all. But she prayed, **God give me grace**. Grace is God's Empowerment. And I thank God He Did! There were 10 of us kids by the time I joined the USAAF ~ then it was the United States Army Air Force. One was born after I left home at the age of 17, making a total of 11 kids. My mother has a special reward in heaven for her sacrifices.

The devil blinds us to **God's definition of Grace**. What is God's Grace? We are saved by grace through faith. Ephesians 2:8. Notice ~> **Through Faith**. Grace doesn't do it. **Faith** in doing what God **said to do** is the thing that saves us. Salvation is connected to the question ~> What **Must** I Do? **Must** is a necessary or essential thing. We **must** have oxygen to live.

Every sinner has to ask ~> **What must I do?** *Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?*** Acts 2:38 is the answer of that question. Check it out.

Grace is an unmerited favor of God! Grace is not a reward for something you do.

*On the road to Damascus, Paul **received Grace** with murder in mind, **before receiving salvation.***

Grace will quiet you so you can think about **what to do**. Then God will show you **what to do**.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath **appeared** to all men.

How do we get it? We already have it. It just **appears** to us as an individual. We see that

Jesus is the Grace of God. Then we react to it. If it wasn't for the Grace of God we all would be destroyed because of our sins.

What do we need it for? Grace makes us sufficient in all things. **Grace will energize ! Grace is sufficient in your time of trouble if you want it to be.** 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make **all grace abound** toward you; that ye, always having **all sufficiency in all things**, may **abound** to every good work:

2 Corinthians 12:8. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9. And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather **glory in my infirmities**, that the power of Christ (Grace) may rest upon me. **Grace is strength** when your body feels weak because of the circumstances ~> Remember my mother. We were little devils.

Grace is when God saves the life of a sinner in a horrible accident with no strings attached. Grace is when a sinner is given another chance while he is yet a sinner. We have a young man in our church like that. He was smart. He came to church and is now really and strongly saved. Any church would be proud to claim him. He is anchored. Grace has been mislabeled. **It is not Salvation** given as an unmerited favor of God! **It is connected to Calvary and Acts 2:38.**