

# The Attributes of God ~ His Grace

**Intro:** The Grace of God is His eternal, free and sovereign favor bestowed, unsought and unconditionally, on the undeserving. Through it, God renders His love and salvation to His chosen.

## Romans 5:8

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

## Ephesians 2:

- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;  
9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

## Observation:

- Carefully **read** and **reread** the text.
- Note** all persons, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions & articles.
- Ask:** Who? What? When? Where? How? & Why? Find answers in the text, *only!*
- Note** and **mark** key words and ideas, as well as their *relationships* with one another.

## Note and mark

- When Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
- By what we have been saved. Eph 2:8
- What our salvation is not of. Eph 2:8
- What our salvation is. Eph 2:8
- What our salvation is not a result of. Eph 2:9
- Why our salvation is by grace. Eph 2:8

## Interpretation:

Romans 5:8 What is significant about the phrase, 'while we were yet sinners'?

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How does this demonstrate the grace of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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Ephesians 2:8-9 Read Ephesians 2:1-3. In light of this context, why does this

passage say our salvation is by 'grace'? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the significance of verse 9? \_\_\_\_\_

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From this passage, how would you describe the grace of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Note:

The word translated 'grace' (charis) means unmerited favor. The grace of God is His gift to those chosen according to His pleasure. It is based on His sovereign right to elect those He predestines to salvation in Christ. It is given with no respect to who the recipients are or what they have done. There is nothing anyone can do to earn, deserve or in any way merit the grace of God.

God's Grace is to be distinguished from God's Mercy which is bestowed on all people equally.

### Note:

Apart from the grace of God, there would absolutely be no way we could ever be saved. Of all the great religions, Christianity alone admits man's total inability to live a life that measures up to God's righteous standard. Salvation is a gift of God's grace, offered to those without merit and received by a faith which itself is a gift from God!

# The Attributes of God ~ His Grace (cont)

## Isaiah 53:

- 4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore,  
And our sorrows He carried;  
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,  
Smitten of God, and afflicted.
- 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him,  
And by His scourging we are healed.
- 6 All of us like sheep have gone astray,  
Each of us has turned to his own way;  
But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all  
To fall on Him.

## Observation:

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## Note and mark

- What He bore. Isaiah 53:4
- What He carried. Isaiah 53:4
- For what He was pierced through. Isaiah 53:5
- For what He was crushed. Isaiah 53:5
- Where each of us has turned. Isaiah 53:6
- What God caused to fall on Him. Isaiah 53:6

## Interpretation:

Isaiah 53:4-6 Who is the 'He' in these verses? (Provide support for your answer)

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What does verse 5 describe? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does 'by His scourgings we are healed' mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does this passage demonstrate the Grace of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Note:

Isaiah 53 is one of many Messianic passages prophesying the coming of God's anointed. Unlike most of them, it portrays Messiah, not as a triumphant King, but as a suffering Servant who would take the sins of the world upon Himself as God's chosen sacrifice.

Jews read this passage believing that the 'He' referred to them and their sufferings through the ages. But the specific descriptions of the manner of Christ's death (verse 5) clearly points to the death of Jesus on the cross and His sacrifice as the Lamb of God. That this prophecy was given 700 years before Jesus was born makes it all the more amazing!

But mainly, this passage expresses the incredible price God was willing to pay for us, and becomes a vivid picture of His Grace toward us!

**Application Principles:** In light of what you have learned, what **Truths** or **Principles** are taught in these texts about *God's Grace*?

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**Application Practicals:** In light of these Truths & Principles, what will you **do** to apply them to your life **today**?

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**Write out a verse from above** that you would like to memorize and/or meditate upon:

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**From what you learned,** how is God different from His creation and/or creatures?

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**Final Note:**

The *Grace* of God is that attribute which will only be experienced by His elect. It reaches its fullest expression in the gift of God's Only Begotten Son to those who are not only completely undeserving, but who, by nature, are enemies of God and objects of His wrath. That God offered His Son as a sacrifice for sinners demonstrates unquestionably that God is a God of Grace.

*God is Gracious*  
*He gives freely to the undeserving!*