
Grace: *The unmerited favor of God continually flowing in us and through us.*

Grace has been given to us when we accept Jesus into our lives. Ephesians 2:8-10

We give grace through:

- **Belief**

- **Words of encouragement**

- **Words of truth of who we are in Christ (true identity)**

- **Presence**

- **Second, third and fourth...chances** Lamentations 3:22-23

The “yeah but” question: God may love me and He wants me to love others but doesn't that ignore their sin?

Welcome, to prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect, encourage one another to grow and to see God change your lives from the inside out!

Getting to know you.

How do you know you are loved?

Can you remember a time when someone showed grace when they didn't have to?

Going Deeper

Read Ephesians 2:4-5.

What's one way you've experienced God's love?

How have you shared God's love?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

How does this description help you see love as an action?

Where are you strong in love?

Where do you need to grow?

Since God has given us His grace (love), so we give grace. What do the following verses tell us about being loved and loving others?

1 John 4:8

1 John 4:10-11

Matthew 6:33

Ephesians 2:10

Review the “I am” passages. Which biblical truth connects with you today?

Why?

Consider choosing a verse to memorize this week.

Best Year Ever Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I pray that you would work in me that I might reflect you more.
I pray that you work for me that I may be blessed by you.
I pray that you work through me that I may be an instrument of your love and grace.

Who God says I am

I am a child of God. -John 1:12

I am a friend of Jesus. -John 15:15

I will not be condemned by God, -Romans 8:1-2

I have been accepted by Christ. -Romans 15:7

I am joined to the Lord and am one spirit with him. -1 Cor. 6:17

I am a new creature in Christ. -2 Corinthians 5:17

I have been set free in Christ. -Galatians 5:1

I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. -Ephesians 1:3

I am redeemed and forgiven by the grace of Christ. -Ephesians 1:7

I am God's workmanship created to produce good works. –
Ephesians 2:10

I have boldness and confident access to God through faith in
Christ. -Ephesians 3:12

The peace of God guards my heart and mind. -Philippians 4:7

God supplies all my needs. -Philippians 4:19

I have been made complete in Christ. -Colossians 2:9-10

I have been raised up with Christ. -Colossians 3:1

God loves me and has chosen me. -1 Thessalonians 1:4

Listening to God

Jesus, you have given me your grace; as I quiet my heart and mind, speak to me. Reveal to me who it is I need to give grace to and how I should give your grace. I know you speak, I am listening.

Who:

How: