

4 Saving grace comes through \_\_\_\_\_.

The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:14 (NCV)

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:26-27 (NIV)

G.R.A.C.E. is God's Riches At Christ's Expense

5 Saving grace provides eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.

1 Peter 1:3-5 (TMSG)



## I. WHAT GRACE IS

**Grace is getting what I DON'T deserve – unconditional love, forgiveness, kindness, and redemption. Mercy is not getting what I DO deserve – punishment, retribution, and reprisal.**

Grace is God loving, God stooping, God coming to the rescue, God giving himself generously in and through Jesus Christ

John R.W. Stott

## II. WHY GRACE IS IMPORTANT

See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)

Many years ago I was driven to the conclusion that the two major causes of most emotional problems among evangelical Christians are these: the failure to understand, receive, and live out God's unconditional grace and forgiveness; and the failure to give out that unconditional love, forgiveness, and grace to other people... We read, we hear, we believe a good theology of grace. But, that's not the way we live. The good news of the Gospel of grace has not penetrated the level of our emotions.

David Seamands

The world can do almost anything as well or better than the church. You need not be a Christian to build houses, feed the hungry, or heal the sick. There is only one thing the world cannot do. It cannot offer grace.

Gordon MacDonald

### III. HOW TO ENJOY SAVING GRACE

*Remember these five things...*

#### 1 Saving grace is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory. The free gift of God's grace makes all of us right with him. Christ Jesus paid the price to set us free.

Romans 3:23-24 (NIRV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

#### 2 Saving faith is received by \_\_\_\_\_.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

*Responses to God's calls of faith*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NLT)

- \_\_\_\_\_ of my sins.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

Acts 3:19 (NIV)

- \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is Lord.

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 (NLT)

- \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' name.

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 (NIV)

#### 3 Saving grace is available to \_\_\_\_\_.

So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19 (GOD'S WORD)

For the free gift of eternal salvation is now being offered to everyone

Titus 2:11 (TLB)