



THE BLESSINGS OF THE GRACE COMMITMENT OF GOD

SAVED BY GRACE ... SO JUST WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

- Saved by grace means that God fully commits himself and all his resources to forgive our sins and to give us eternal life through his divine power, authority and riches “so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:7 ESV).

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD’S GRACE #1: Full access to and standing in the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

- (Romans 5:1–2 ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD’S GRACE #2: Confident access to the throne of grace.

- (Hebrews 4:14–16 ESV) Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has

been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD’S GRACE #3: Full benefits as recipients of God’s riches.

- (Ephesians 1:7 ESV) In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
- (Colossians 2:2–3 ESV) That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- (Ephesians 2:4–7 ESV) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- (Ephesians 3:8 ESV) To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.
- (Ephesians 3:14–16 ESV) For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being.
- (Romans 9:22–23 ESV) What if God, desiring

to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory.

- (Romans 11:33 ESV) Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
- (Romans 10:12–13 ESV) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD’S GRACE #4: Fully supported by the power and authority of God and his word.

God is for us, so he will give us all things.

- (Romans 8:31–32 ESV) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

God is for us, so he will cause his grace to abound in our battle against sin. He will establish righteousness in our lives.

- (Romans 5:20–21 ESV) Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God is for us, so whatever we face, be assured that his grace is up to the challenge.

Even in our weakness his grace is sufficient in his power to work his perfection in our lives. God’s power is the perfect complement with our weakness when we

believe God to be sufficient in every way.

- (2 Corinthians 12:9–10 ESV) But he said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD’S GRACE #5: The strong confidence of no confidence.

Our strong confidence in serving Christ is “no confidence in ourselves” but complete confidence in the sufficiency of God.

- (2 Corinthians 3:4–6 ESV) Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Our strong confidence is that our righteousness is not our own.

- (Philippians 3:3, 7–9 ESV) For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ... But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.