



The Nature of Grace

- Grace is undeserved <u>favor</u> or kindness.
- Grace is a gift, not a wage.

Greek/Roman Picture: Patron-Client Relationship

- A patron would provide grace to his chosen clients.
- A client would respond to his patron's gifts with thankful faith.

Grace is undeserved <u>favor</u> demonstrated by <u>gift</u>-giving. The natural response of the person who receives it is <u>faith</u>.

The Activities of Grace (vs. 11-13)

- Grace enables salvation (v. 11).
 - o Saving grace came like an epiphany.
 - o Saving grace came for everyone.
- Grace empowers discipline (v. 12).
 - o Grace teaches you to say no.
 - o Grace teaches you to say <u>yes</u>.
- Grace engenders perspective (v. 13).
 - o We have an unshakeable hope.



o We'll see an indescribable return.

The Giver of Grace (v. 14)

- Jesus gave grace by giving Himself.
- Jesus gave grace for our redemption.
- Jesus gave grace for our <u>purification</u>.



Prayer

Scripture: "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 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 may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

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