



Get a Grip

2 Timothy 2.1–7

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God's grace is essential for Christian living.

Grace saves us.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2.8–9

Grace sanctifies us.

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." Titus 2.11–13

Grace equips us for service.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Grace strengthens us...

"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2.1

God's grace is a gift to the humble.

Peter questioned God's grace...John 13.6

"It is difficult for our pride to rest on grace. Grace is for other people - for beggars. We don't want to live by a heavenly welfare system. We want to earn our own way and atone for our own sins. We like to think that we will go to heaven because we deserve to be there." R.C. Sproul

"Because grace is so incomprehensible to us, we bootleg in conditions so we won't look so bad and God's offer won't seem so counterintuitive. By the time we are done qualifying the gospel, we're no longer unworthy and powerless. We're 'misguided souls.' We're no longer wretches. And grace is no longer grace."
Randy Alcorn

"If you want to become a Christian, all you need is nothing—but most people don't have that. Most of us come with our recommendation letters, our resume, our morality, our money."
Tim Keller

Peter refused God's grace...John 13.8.

Peter confused God's grace...John 13.9.

"You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time." 1 Peter 5.5–6

"It seemed to me that God looked over the whole world to find a man who was weak enough to do His work and when at last He found me, He said, 'He's weak enough. He'll do.'" Hudson Taylor