

## Grace

**“...and great grace was upon them all.” Acts 4:33**

1. The Foundational Nature of Grace
  - a. Ephesians 2:18-22
  - b. The Kingdom is grace with power for a purpose (no purpose no power)
2. The Definition of Grace
  - a. Dr. Strong, Strong's Concordance/Greek Dictionary – “Grace is the divine influence on the heart and its reflection in the life.”
  - b. Unmerited favor
    - i. You can't earn it, you don't deserve it, you can't buy it – get over it!
    - ii. Grace is not for the self- sufficient, they don't need it, don't want it
  - c. Divine enablement – The power to live for and serve God
  - d. We need Grace when we are weak and when we have failed**
3. The Application of Grace
  - a. Grace in salvation – Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans 5:20, Romans 3:24
  - b. Grace for service – Romans 12:6, 2 Cor. 8:1-7, the grace to give financially
    - i. Grace is the Greek word **Charis** from which we get the word Charismatic or gifts of the Spirit
  - c. The sufficiency of grace – II Cor. 9:8, I Cor. 12:7-10,
    - i. Infirmity - want of strength, weakness,
      1. of the body
      2. its native weakness and frailty
      3. feebleness of health or sickness
      4. of the soul
      5. want of strength and capacity requisite
        - a. to understand a thing
        - b. to do things great and glorious
        - c. to restrain corrupt desires
        - d. to bear trials and troubles
4. The Appropriation of Grace
  - a. Grace for Grace John 1:16
  - b. Romans 5:2 – Access to Grace by Faith
  - c. James 4:5-10 – Grace Bestowed Abundantly on the Humble
  - d. Heb 4:15-16 - Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace