

Grace Be With You All

Hebrews 13:25

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Five English words close the book of Hebrews. These five words are some of the most important words in all of Scripture. The grace of God in Jesus Christ is the most valuable gift any of us have ever received. Hebrews begins introducing the reader to Jesus Christ, the One through whom God speaks to us (1:1-3). Now, Hebrews ends with a prayer that the *“Grace (specifically, God’s grace in Christ) be with you all.”*

I. What is the grace of God in Christ?

The word “grace” appears nearly 300 times in its various forms in the Bible. Grace is defined as *“undeserved favor from a superior to an inferior”* (Holman Dictionary). Though this definition is good, it sometimes misses the depth of God’s favor in that He is favorable to the antagonistic.

“While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8).

It is one thing to be favored by a man of influence, but what a wonderful thing to be favored by the God of Creation. Twenty-five times Paul uses the term, “the grace of God” or “the grace of Christ” and they are synonymous (II Thess. 1:12). God’s grace is His favor to those of us underserving of it!

II. Why do I need the grace of God in Christ?

Let’s look at the grace of God in Jesus Christ in a very pragmatic way. You and I need His favor:

A. We need future grace, which is called **“saving grace”** in the Bible ...

“For by grace are you saved through faith” (Eph. 2:8). There is coming a day when everyone will stand before God and be judged according to His law. Only one group will be excluded from this judgment to come – *“Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved”* (Acts 15:11).

B. We need daily grace, which is called **“sufficient grace”** in the Bible ...

“My grace is sufficient ... for my power is made perfect in weakness” (II Cor. 12:9). Whenever you feel weak, remember that God says the weaker you are the more He reveals His power.

C. We need hidden grace, which is called **“sovereign grace”** in the Bible ...

“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, will perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you” (I Peter 5:10). Every moment of your life is purposeful and is leading you to the development of your character. This grace of God is like the grace of King David to the crippled Mephibosheth. The King of Israel provided for him, protected him and promised him an inheritance. So, too, does God for us!

III. How do I get the grace of God in Christ?

“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6). There is an undeniable truth that grace or favor is given to those who are sensible of their deficiencies, quick to voice their faults, and confess their dependence on God. My prayer for you this morning is that you might experience His grace in this life. The broken hearted have nothing to fear from God. Humble yourself before Him.

“God reminds us again and again that things between Him and us are forever fixed. They are the rendezvous points where God declares to us concretely that the debt has been paid, the ledger put away, and that everything we need, in Christ we already possess. This re-convincing produces humility, because we realize that our needs are fulfilled. We don’t have to worry about ourselves anymore. This in turn frees us to stop looking out for what we think we need and liberates us to love our neighbor by looking out for what they need.” —**Tullian Tchividjian**