

Why Grace is Sufficient in Daily Living
A Biblical Studies Class

Introduction

Deut 6:25	Law
Rom 3:20-26	Grace
Rom 4:4-5	Believing is counted for righteousness
Rom 5:1-2	This grace wherein we stand
Rom 6:14	We are under grace
Rom 11:5-6	If by grace, then no more of works
Rom 16:24	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
I Cor 1:3, 4	Grace unto you, I thank God for the grace
I Cor 15:10	By the grace of God I am what I am
II Cor. 9:6-8	God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work

Sufficiency: vs. 8 – *autarkeia*: A perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is needed; Sufficiency of the necessities of life; A mind contented with its lot

II Cor 12:7-10	My grace is sufficient for thee (vs. 9)
Gal 1:3, 6	Grace to you, called into the grace of Christ
Gal 2:21	I do not frustrate the grace of God
Eph 1:2, 7	Grace to you, the riches of his grace
Eph 2:5, 7-8	By grace are ye saved
Eph 3:1-13	Administration of the grace of God (vs. 2)
Titus 3:7	Justified by his grace, heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
Heb. 4:16	Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace

I Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind and be strong: Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. (NIV)

God Looks at The Heart

Gen 20:1-6 I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart (vs. 6)

I Sam 16:1-7 The Lord looketh on the heart (vs. 7)

I Kings 3:5-14 Solomon asks for an understanding heart, and receives it

I Kings 21:24-29 Because he (Ahab) humbleth himself before me (vs. 29)

II Kings 5:17-19 He said unto him, Go in peace (vs. 19)

II Kings 22:8-20 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself (vs. 19)

Psa 44:20-21 He knoweth the secrets of the heart

Isa 1:10-17 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices? (vs. 11)

Mat 23:23 These ye ought to have done

I John 3:13-24 God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things (vs. 20)

Answering the Pharisees

Mat 5:20 Except your righteousness exceed the scribes and Pharisees...

Mat 9:9-17 Eating with tax collectors, not fasting

Mat 12:1-8 Picking grain on the sabbath

Mat 15:1-9 It is a gift, in vain do they worship me

Mat. 16:5-12 The leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

Mat 22:15-22 Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites....render unto Caesar

Mat. 23:1-12 Pharisees for a pretence made long prayer

Mark 7:1-23 Making the Word of God of none effect through your tradition

Luke 7:36-50	To whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little
Luke 11:37-44	These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone
Luke 14:1-11	He that humbleth himself shall be exalted
(Luke 16:19-31)	Lazarus in Abraham's Bosom [cf. Judges 9:7-16; Mat. 5:13-16. Some early Greek and Aramaic sources add, "And he said also another parable" to the beginning of Luke 16:19. Pharisees: " <i>They also believe that souls have an immortal vigour in them, and that under the earth there will be rewards or punishments, according as they have lived virtuously or viciously in this life, and the latter are to be detained in an everlasting prison, but that the former shall have power to revive and live again</i> " - Josephus, <i>Antiquities of the Jews</i> XVIII, i, 3. See also Luke 16:14-15; Acts 23:6-11.]
Luke 18:10-14	He that humbleth himself shall be exalted

Food, the Law, and Grace

Lev 11	Dietary Laws – prohibition about eating many things
Mat 15:1-20	Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man, but that which goeth out of his mouth
Acts 10:9-15	What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common [cf. Acts 10:28; 11:9]
Acts 15:1-20	Abstain from meats offered to idols... (vs. 29) [Acts 21:20 – zealous for the law]
I Cor 8	Meat commendeth us not to God (vs. 8) [we can't win God's approval by what we eat – NIV] NOTE which brother is "weak"
I Sam 21:1-6	David and the shewbread [consecrated bread]
Mat 12:1-8	Jesus Christ and the shewbread

Who You Spend Time With

Gen 39-40	Joseph and Pharaoh
Num 33:55	Thorns in your sides

Josh 23:13 Thorns in your eyes

Judg 2:3 Thorns in your sides

I Sam 21:10 David fled to the king of Gath

Dan 1:6-21 Daniel with the king of Babylon

Mat 2:13-15 Joseph fleeing to Egypt with mother and child

Mat 9:10-12 Jesus eating with publicans and sinners – need of a physician

Luke 16:1-9 Mammon of unrighteousness
 “Here’s the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make
 friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to
 an eternal home.” – NLT

Acts 9:11-16 To bear my name before the gentiles

Acts 10:9-16 What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common

Acts 18:5-6 From henceforth I will go to the gentiles

I Cor 9:19-24 All things to all men

II Cor 6:14 Be not unequally yoked

Judgment

Mat 7:1-5 Judge not that ye be not judged, mote in thy brother’s eye

Luke 6:37-42 Judge not, rather give

John 7:20-24 Judge not according to appearance, but righteous judgment

John 8:1-11 Neither do I condemn thee

John 8:14-18 Ye judge after the flesh, I judge no man

John 12:44-50 I judge him not, for I came not to judge the world

Rom 2:1 Thou that judgest doest the same things

Rom 14	Judge not him that eateth, etc.
I Cor 4:1-5	It is a very small thing that I should be judged of you or of man's day
Col 2	Let no man judge you in meat or drink, or respect of a holy day (vs. 16)

Grace in Gospel Parables

Luke 6:39-45	The mote and the beam
Luke 6:46-49	The rock and the sand
Luke 7:36-50	The two debtors
Luke 14:15-24	The great supper
Luke 15:1-7	The lost sheep
Luke 15:11-32	The forgiving father
Luke 18:1-8	The unjust judge
Luke 18:9-14	The Pharisee and the publican

Examples of Grace in Action

Judges 6:36-40	Gideon and the fleece
II Chron 20:5-19	Jehoshaphat prays
Mat 7:7-11	Ask and it shall be given
Mark 3:1-6	Man with the withered hand
John 5:1-9	Healing at the pool of Bethesda
John 5:24	The one who believes has passed from death unto life
John 6:28-29	This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent
Rom 2:1	Thou that judgest doest the same things

James 1:5-8 Ask and it shall be given

Condemnation

Luke 6:27-37 Condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned

John 3:14-19 God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world

John 8:4-11 Neither do I condemn thee

Rom 2:1-5 For wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself

Rom 5:16-18 Condemnation to justification of life

Rom 8:1-5 No condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus

Rom 8:31-39 Who is he that condemneth? Christ that makes intercession for us?

Rom 14:22 Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that he alloweth

II Cor 3:7-11 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more...

I John 3:20-21 If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God

Some of What God Wants

Ps 103:17 But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear [reverence] him. His salvation extends to the children's children. (NLT)

John 5:24 He that hears my word and believes has eternal life, will not come into judgment

John 7:5 Even his brothers did not believe in him (NLT) – would include James

John 16:9 The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me (NLT)

Rom 13:8-10 Love worketh no ill – the fulfilling of the law

Gal 2:17-18 But suppose we seek to be made right with God through faith in Christ and then we are found guilty because we have abandoned the law. Would that mean that Christ has led us into sin? Absolutely not! Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. (NLT)

- Gal 5:14 All the law is fulfilled in one word – love your neighbor as yourself
- Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ
- Heb 2:9 What we do is see Jesus, who for a little while was given a position "a little lower than the angels": and because he suffered death for us, he is now "crowned with glory and honor." Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone." (NLT)

Why it Matters

- I Sam 16:1-14 The LORD looketh on the heart
- Isa 1:1-17 Bring no more vain oblations (meaningless offerings). Cf. Mat 23:23
- II Kings 5:1-19 In this thing pardon thy servant
- Mat 1:5 Salmon married a Canannite, and Boaz married a Moabite. Cf. Num 33:55, Deut 23:3
- Esther 2 Esther was part of the harem, but certainly walked with God and saved the Israelites from complete destruction
- Joshua 2 Rahab lied unto the guards, but saved many lives
- II Kings 6:8-20 Elisha lied and saved Israel from the Syrians
- II Cor 3:17 Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty

Let Grace Abound

- Rom 5-6 Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound (5:20)
- Rom 7 I delight in the law of God after the inward man (vs. 22)
- I John 5:1-5 His commandments are not grievous (vs. 3)
- II Cor 3 Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (vs. 17)
- Mat 6:1-5 They have their reward (vs. 2)
- II Cor 10:12 They comparing themselves by themselves are not wise

Galatians 2

Gal 2:18	Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down (NLT)
	But if I build up again those things I once destroyed, I demonstrate that I am the one who breaks God's law (NET)
	For if I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker (NIV)
Isa 29:13b	Their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote (NLT, RSV)
	Their worship of me is based merely on merely human rules they have been taught. (NIV)
	Their fear of me is a commandment taught by men (ESV)

Priorities

Gen 6:5-8	Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD
Gen 19:15-19	Grace and Mercy
Acts 13:42-43	Persuaded them to continue in the grace of God
Rom 13:8-10	Love is the fulfilling of the law
Col 1:2 (1-14)	Grace and Peace
I Tim 1:2 (1-6)	Grace, Mercy, and Peace
II Tim 1:2 (1-5)	Grace, Mercy, and Peace
Tit 1:4 (1-5, ch 1)	Grace, Mercy, and Peace
II John 1:3 (1-6)	Grace, Mercy, and Peace
II Peter 3:18	Grow in grace
Heb 4:12-16	Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy