

“A Life Laced With Grace”

Bible Study Worksheet & Notes – September 27, 2014



I. DEFINITION OF GRACE

- *God’s unmerited favor*
- *Merciful kindness*

II. GRACE IS...

<p>a. Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OT – had to find grace with man and with God; • NT – told where to find it, and most times it finds us • Can be sought any time its needed. 	Hebrews 4:16
<p>b. Saving</p>	Ephesians 2:5, 8
<p>c. Sufficient Enough for the situation</p>	2 Corinthians 12:9
<p>d. Visible It was clear to Barnabas that God was at work, and it was his grace upon those preaching that allowed many to come to Christ.</p>	Acts 11:19-23
<p>e. Verbalized or Spoken Words spoken in grace has ability to: a) serve as edification b) preserve and prevent spoilage (salt)</p>	Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 4:6
<p>f. Manifold Something with many different parts or forms, in particular; many-sided, variegated/various forms. Just as grace is varied and many-sided, so are the gifts that come as a result of grace. Our service will likewise be varied. We are managers (stewards) of this grace.</p>	1 Peter 4:10
<p>g. Superabundant Abounds more and more; surpassed and increased all the more</p>	Romans 5:17-21

III. GRACE IS NOT A LICENSE TO SIN.

- Romans 6:1-2, Romans 6:14-15
- Jude 1:4 – lasciviousness: the absence of restraint, indecency;
- Grace frees us from the penalty of the law, but not the righteousness of the law (*penalty from sin, unless it is practiced in a shameful way; unregenerate or past feeling*)

IV. PERSONAL STUDY: The Story of The Prodigal Son

- Read the story of “The Prodigal Son” found in Luke 15:11-31.
- Can you identify the traces of grace expressed in this story?

GOING DEEPER:

- Now read a four-part article to understand Middle Eastern background during that time
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- Going back to the story found in Luke 15, do you see any additional traces of grace?