



## WALK IN “HIS” GRACE

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**JOHN 1:17 NKJV – (17)** For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Grace is a constant theme in the Bible, and it culminates in the New Testament with the coming of Jesus (**John 1:17**). The word translated “grace” in the New Testament comes from the Greek word charis, which means “favor, blessing, or kindness.” We can all extend grace to others; but when the word grace is used in connection with God, it takes on a more powerful meaning. Grace is God choosing to bless us rather than curse us as our sin deserves. It is His benevolence to the undeserving.

Jesus also brought us grace. Instead of simply telling us that we were broken, Christ gave us a way to fix what was wrong. This is an important, common theme of the Bible. Human efforts will always fall short, and everyone is corrupted with sin (**Romans 3:23**). Instead of leaving us to face that uncomfortable truth alone, Jesus provided a way for us to experience forgiveness. Merely doing good deeds can never save us, only God's grace, through faith, can do that.

I have lived my life discovering how I was getting better and better in an area of weakness. Only to discover that it wasn't nothing that I did, but His grace. Without His grace, we are doomed! So that leads to a question.....“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (**Romans 6:1-2**)

Grace is quite possibly the most beautiful but also the most abused gift that Jesus gave to us. We should think of grace as more of a set time or an opportunity for us to make our hearts right with God, not a chance to take advantage of it and live as crazy and on the edge as we can. Picture it like an inmate on death row suddenly given a second chance at life. If they are truly transformed, they do not go out and repeat the mistakes that brought them to prison in the first place, but instead is they are constantly grateful for his redemption. Don't take grace for granted, instead, walk in it. “His Grace.”

**SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Grace is the face that wears when it meets imperfection.