

Grace re-defined - it is truly amazing

1 Tim 1:14 **The grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus** (no grace, faith or love apart from Jesus Christ).

John 1:14-16 **The Word** (Jesus Christ)...**from** (or out of) **His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace**. (Jesus, the word, is the grace of God, hence:)
ESV

We are being saved, initially by being born again, from sin's penalty and power, by grace:

Eph 2:8 **For by grace you are (being) saved** (from sin's penalty and power) **through faith...**(since it is through faith that we are being saved by grace, then grace must be something we can believe – yes, it is the word of God – hence:) KJV

Acts 20:24 ...**Testify to the gospel of the grace of God** (God's words are His grace, so:)

1 Pe 1:23 **Being born again** (initial salvation)...**by the word of God**...(by grace) KJV

Once born again we Christians are intended to, and need to, continually grow in grace:

2 Pe 3:18 **But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**
(how do we grow in grace?)

1 Per 2:2 **As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,** (we grow in grace by believing more of the word of God)

Acts 20:32 **Now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified** (freed from sin, made holy, like Christ - by His word)
KJV

Grace is multiplied to us, how, through our increasing knowledge, better knowing, of God:

2 Pe 1:2 **Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God...**
KJV (What exactly is the knowledge - the increased knowing - of God?)

Prov 2:1-5 **My son if you receive my words...then you will...find the knowledge of God** (we increase in knowing God as our hearts receive, that is believe, more of His words - in other words by receiving more of God's grace. Therefore grace is multiplied to us as our hearts receive more of God's words).

Grace literally means "The gift of God" as in "God giving the gift of Himself":

Eph 2:8 **For by grace you are (being) saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,** (but isn't Jesus the gift of God?) KJV

John 4:10 **Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you..."** (here Jesus identified Himself as the gift of God)

Rom 5:15 **But the free gift...the grace of God...Jesus Christ...**(Jesus, the Word of God, the nature of the Father, is the free gift, that is, He is the grace of God).

Titus 2:11 **For the grace of God (Jesus) has appeared bringing salvation to all men,**

Eph 4:7 **But unto every one of us grace is given according to the measure of (in direct proportion to our willingness to receive) the gift of Christ (God's word).**
KJV

Rom 5:17 **...Those who receive abundance of grace (God's words - Christ) and (abundance) of the gift of righteousness (God's words - Christ) will reign in life (over their three enemies) by the One, Jesus Christ (God's word).**

Where do we receive this gift of the grace, the word of God, Jesus Christ? In our spirits:

Gal 6:18 **Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.**

Philem 25 **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.**

2 Tim 4:22 **The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.**

Col 3:16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...with grace in your hearts...**

Who brings us more of the grace of God, the word of God, Jesus? The Spirit of grace:

Heb 10:29 **...The Spirit of grace.**

John 16:13 **...The Spirit of truth... Your word is truth** (Jo 17:17) The Spirit of the word.

Rom 8:9 **...The Spirit of Christ...**(God's Spirit brings us the grace, word, Christ of God)

Based on this can we now re-define Grace? Yes, and it is way more than unmerited favor:

Grace is God's progressive gift of Himself to us, brought to us by His Spirit in His living words as our hearts believe them. And since Jesus Christ is the living word of God:

Jesus Christ is God's Grace, the ongoing free gift of the nature of God, to anyone whose heart believes more of His Holy Spirit breathed words.

God's First Covenant with the Human Race:

LAW is the word of God - without the Holy Spirit:
It is understandable by the human intellect.
But it is the strength of sin (1Co 15:56) because human nature can't keep it.

God's New Covenant with the Human Race – and which replaces the First Covenant:

GRACE is the word of God (as law is) – but now made living by the Holy Spirit
It is understandable first, only by the re-born human spirit, that is, the heart.
It is the impartation of the Divine Nature of Jesus Christ needed for salvation.

Eph 2:8 **For by grace (living words, the nature of Christ) you are (being) saved (made like Christ) through faith (as we believe them in our hearts, our spirits)**

Eph 4:29 **Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but only such words as are good for building others up (spiritually, in the knowledge of God) that they (your words) may (by God's Spirit) impart grace (Christ) to the hearers.**