

“Grace Opens My Future”



Character of God...

Exodus 34:6 NIV

⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The Lord, the Lord, **the compassionate and gracious God**, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness...

Genesis 6:8 NKJV

⁸ But Noah **found grace** in the eyes of the Lord.

Where do we all start...?

Ephesians 2:1-3 NLT

¹ Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² **You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.** ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

God repositions us spiritually...

Ephesians 2:4-6 NLT

⁴ But God is so **rich in mercy**, and he **loved us so much**,
⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins,
he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It
is **only by God's grace that you have been saved!**) ⁶ For he
raised us from the dead along with Christ and **seated us
with him in the heavenly realms** because we are united
with Christ Jesus.

1a. God's Grace Upon Me - *Restores*

Hebrews 4:16 ESV

¹⁶ Let us then **with confidence draw near to the throne of grace**, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1b. God's Grace Upon Me - *Strengthens*

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NLT

⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.

⁹ Each time he said, **“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.”** So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

“The will of God will never take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us.”

Billy Graham

2. God's Grace Before Me - *Provides*

2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

⁸ And God is able to make **all grace abound** to you, so that having **all sufficiency in all things at all times**, you may **abound in every good work**.

3. God's Grace Beyond Me - *Empowers*

1 Corinthians 15:10 NLT

¹⁰ But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his **special favour on me**—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but **God who was working through me by his grace**.

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as **faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms**.

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