

God's Attributes Part 7 Grace July 2026

Many Christians wrestle with understanding what the bible says about the grace of God and how it impacts their relationship with Him. We live in a world driven by achievement, performance and perfection. However, God's word teaches that His grace is different. You cannot earn it. You cannot work for it. God's grace comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Read this verse in various translations of the bible. You will find that there is very little difference in the wording.

God's grace refers to His unmerited, undeserved favor, love and assistance given to humanity. It is a free, unearned gift meant to offer forgiveness, spiritual renewal and the strength to live righteously.

The distinction between grace and mercy. While often used interchangeably, these two concepts are very different.

Mercy-withholding a punishment or consequence that you actually deserve.

Grace-bestowing a blessing, favor, or gift that you absolutely do not deserve.

Theologians and spiritual teachers typically break down grace into a few distinct functions:

*Unmerited favor: the foundational concept that God loves and forgives unconditionally, regardless of past mistakes.

*Saving grace: the free gift of redemption and eternal life.

*Empowering grace: an active, transformative force that gives individuals the spiritual strength, patience and ability to do what they are called to do, overcome hardships and grow.

What does it mean to "grow in grace"? 2 Peter 3; 18 but grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...". To "grow in grace" is to mature as a Christian. We are saved by grace through faith and we mature and are sanctified by grace alone. Works do not save us. Grace is a blessing we do not deserve. God's grace justifies us, sanctifies us, and eventually glorifies us in heaven.

We grow in grace by reading God's word and letting it "dwell in us richly" (Colossians 3;16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.). We also grow by praying and spending time with other Christians.

We need to be in God's word daily. Some Christians think that going to church on Sunday is enough. This is not true. Think back to when you started a new friendship or romance and how you wanted to be with that person all the time. You let other relationships fall to the side because you wanted to learn everything you could about the new relationship. You felt that your other friends would understand and will always be there. God wants that special relationship with us. It is why He created us. We tend to make excuses of why we are not in God's word, why we are not spending time in prayer, why we are not attending bible study and church, etc. We say "I am too tired" I do not feel like it" However, God is always there waiting for us with open arms. God will never let us down. Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you'.

Maturing in our Christian life is not about what we do, but rather about what God does in us, by His grace. Understanding and applying God's grace in our lives is important. We are not to impair it by being proud. God says that He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." Grace is that attribute of God that enables us to break free of our sinful nature and follow Him. Grace gives us strength and protects us. Without God's grace and His favor, we would be hopelessly lost in this world. The more grace we ask for, the more mature as Christians we will become.

God's grace never decreases or increases. It is infinite. We just have to learn to accept it. God gave His only Son to us. John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. How much more grace could there be:

Go and share this gift of grace with others.

Go share the Good News. Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you/ and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Review:

Mercy is not getting what you do deserve. Judgement. Punishment.

Grace is getting what you don't deserve. Blessings. Love. Salvation.

A simple way to remember the distinction. Mercy forgives. Grace gives.

The Core differences

Mercy is compassion that spares you from a penalty. Relieving misery, forgiving sin and withholding wrath. Hebrews 4:16

Grace is unmerited favor and divine enablement. Providing eternal life, spiritual gifts, and unearned blessings. Ephesians 2:8

Reflection: Let God reveal His grace to you. Start each day with fresh hope.

Listen to the original hymn Amazing Grace ("grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home").. Listen to the song Amazing Grace by Phil Wickham (that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross, You laid down Your life that I would be set free"). Listen to the song Good by Matthew West ("I'm not loved because I'm worthy, I'm loved because You're good").

Listen to the song by Phil Wickham "What an Awesome God"

God is great, give Him all the praise
Hallelujah, Name above all names
Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins
Everywhere, His glory on display
Take a look at those stars, He can name 'em all
Before His throne every knee falls
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise
Even the winds and waves obey

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns (He reigns)
From Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love

Our God is an awesome God (our God)
Our God (our God) is an awesome God, He reigns
From Heaven above with wisdom (with wisdom), power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

And even when I ran, He didn't run away
He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame
Sunday morning rose up from that grave
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King
Oh, let all the saints and the angels sing

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns
From Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God
Our God (our God) is an awesome God, He reigns (He reigns)
From Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

Eyes on the sky, there will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear, no more pain
No more sorrow, sin or shame
The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are, I'll sing to You

My God, You're an awesome God
You're great in all You do
I'm made to worship You
My God, You're an awesome God
What an awesome, awesome God You are
No one like You, none beside You
God, we worship You

You're worthy, You're worthy
(With wisdom, power, and love) with wisdom, power, and love
(Our God is an awesome God) oh, forever we sing

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God (yes, our God is an awesome God)
Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God

Our God, what an awesome God