

Grace

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SEVEN FUNDAMENTAL FACTS ABOUT GRACE

- ù First, Grace is not Withheld Because of Demerit
- ù Second, Grace Cannot be Lessened Because of Demerit
 - ù Third, Grace Cannot Incur a Debt
- ù Fourth, Grace is not Exercised in the Just Payment of a Debt
 - ù Fifth, Grace is Never the Over-Payment of a Debt
- ù Sixth, Grace does not Appear in the Immediate Divine Dealings with the Sins of the Unsaved
- ù Seventh, Grace does not Appear in the Immediate Divine Dealings with the Sins of the Saved

It may be concluded that the word grace, as used in the Bible in relation to divine salvation, represents the uncompromised, unrestricted, unrecompensed, loving favor of God toward sinners. It is an unearned

blessing. It is a gratuity. God is absolutely untrammelled and unshackled in expressing His infinite love by His infinite grace (1) through the death of His Lamb by whom every limitation which human sin could impose has been dispelled, (2) through the provision which offers salvation as a gift by which human obligation has been forever dismissed, and (3) through the divine decree by which human merit has been forever deposed. Grace is the limitless, unrestrained love of God for the lost, acting in full compliance with the exact and unchangeable demands of His own righteousness through the sacrificial death of Christ. Grace is more than love; it is love set absolutely free and made to be a triumphant victor over the righteous judgment of God against the sinner.

Having examined into the meaning of the word grace, the three-fold divine ministry and undertaking in grace should be considered. It will be observed that:

I. God saves sinners by grace,

II. God keeps through grace those who are saved, and,

III. God teaches in grace those who are saved and kept how they should live, and how they may live, to His eternal glory.

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