



## **Greater Grace Pt 2: How to Experience it!**

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**2 Peter 1:1-4 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

God's grace is His unmerited, unconditional favor and empowerment, for abundant, eternal life.

**Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,**

It is a gift of faith that grants eternal life, spiritual growth, and the right to live abundantly despite our flaws. Grace is God's incredible unearned gift, providing us with life and the opportunity to thrive now and in eternity.

It allows us to let go of burdens from our mistakes and rise above hardships, to embrace the fullness of life.

God loves us and God shows us love not based on who we are, but because of who He is.

**Ephesians 4:6 We have been raised up together and made to sit in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

Grace affords us the insight to view this natural world from a heavenly perspective, which gives us an advantage over satan and the world.

Grace affords us what we do not deserve, all of the many blessings that are in heavenly places.

**James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.**

Because of Grace, we have a right to expect good and perfect Gifts, so we need to focus on them.

**2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)... we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.**

We want to set our focus on the reality of the blessings promised to us by God, which are recorded in His word.

Grace allows a perfect God to work on imperfect people with the Goal of making them complete.

**Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;**



Grace gives God the opportunity to transform us into what He predestined us to be.

**1 Corinthians 15:10-11 But by the grace of God I am what I am,**

**Greater Grace - How to Experience it:**

**2 Peter 1:1-4 (NLT) 1 This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have.**

**Romans 12:3 ...as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.**

Every individual starts with a measure of faith that is given by God.

**8 For by grace you have been saved through faith...**

God gives a measure of faith so we can take advantage of His Grace.

In essence, grace provides what God has for us, and faith enables us to access and receive those blessings.

The degree of faith an individual possesses directly influences the level of grace they can experience, access, and utilize.

**1 Peter 1...This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior.**

Our level of faith is given to us on an equal, fair basis; it is up to us to increase it.

**Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."**

The more we hear the word of God with the intention to adhere to it, the more our faith will grow.

**Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

This truth assures us that we have the right to believe for things that may seem impossible,

Because of the grace of God, far beyond our natural reach and resources.

We can dream extraordinary dreams that might even appear extravagant to the world.

**Genesis 26:12-13 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him.**

The word "blessed" here is the word "Barak" in Hebrew. When it references an act by God, it signifies bestowing favor or something of value upon a person.

Isaac demonstrated the power of faith, which enabled him to experience greater grace, another level of "uncommon favor."



**13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;**

This act of faith opened a greater grace that remained after the famine.

Grace opens the door to extraordinary expectations based on God's promises.

Faith acting as currency —a mechanism, or substance that retrieves these promises for our needs and desires.

As we cultivate and deepen our faith, we find that grace (unmerited favor) multiplies in our lives, empowering us to aspire to uncommon and remarkable achievements.

**1 Peter 1:2 May God grant you increasing grace and peace as you deepen your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.**

Grace provides us with the opportunity to receive all the blessings and promises that we don't deserve. As these blessings manifest in our lives, we will experience a greater sense of peace.

Peace, which is the Hebrew concept of "Shalom," means nothing is missing, nothing is broken, and everything is complete.

While we receive blessings we don't deserve, we can also live in the profound peace that is offered to us as a free gift from God as well.

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.**

This peace, like grace, can only come as a gift from God as we continue to walk in faith.

This type of peace is the peace that rests upon those who have greater grace (God's unmerited favor).

**2 Peter 1:2 it says, "May God grant you increasing grace and peace."**

Notice that the author puts grace before peace, because this level of peace is a component that comes from the greater grace of God.

**John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

Those who walk in greater grace will always have greater peace!