



## **Greater Grace PT 7 - The Sufficiency of Greater Grace**

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**2 Corinthians 12:7-10** And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. **8** Concerning this thing, I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness..."

*When we discuss God's sufficiency, I want to clarify that we shouldn't limit our understanding to the common interpretation of the word "sufficiency." Many of us may think it simply means having enough. However, in our text, when God spoke to Paul, He emphasized how His sufficient grace perfected Paul's strength. The perfection of God is always more than enough!*

*God's grace affords us the riches of God!*

**Ephesians 1:7-8** In Him we have Redemption (Being free from the power and consequences of sin,) **through His blood**, (The evidence of His sinless life) **the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace** (Grace is God's undeserved favor and empowerment) **8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,**

*God's Grace is rich!*

The Greek word for “**riches**” (ploutos) literally means material prosperity, wealth, or riches. It refers to an abundance of possessions that surpasses what is typical in a particular society.

*In other words, Grace offers us provisions for a life that transcends the norm. Taking one from ordinary to extraordinary.*

*God grants us forgiveness and the necessities to meet our needs and desires in abundance. Grace makes heavenly resources available in both the spiritual and the natural, because we are in Christ!*

When satan, sin, and temptation arise to challenge us, we can be certain that grace will prevail even more powerfully, enabling us to win and become whole.

**Romans 5:20-21** Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

*God's grace is superior to sin and any consequences it may have in our lives.*

Greater grace empowers us to confront and overcome any adversary and adversity, ensuring we overcome, remain steadfast, and whole as we complete our journey.



*No matter how strong adversity and adversaries may look, grace is greater, offering us so much more through Jesus Christ and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.*

The old covenant, the law established specific commands that individuals were required to follow to attain righteousness and receive what God desired for them to have.

In contrast, the new covenant operates on the principle of grace by faith, which assures us that God's promises are already ours. These promises are not contingent on our actions, but on the finished works of Jesus Christ. *We don't have to work for the promises; they are a gift.*

**2 Corinthians 1:20** "all God's promises are (present tense) **yes and amen**" means that God's promises are certain, trustworthy, and ultimately fulfilled through Jesus Christ.

*The word "Yes" embodies God's steadfast commitment to His promises, reflecting His love and faithfulness. It signifies His desire for us to experience the very best in our lives.*

"Amen" means "so be it" and represents our response of agreeing with and affirming God's promises. *So, God has already said yes, and Heaven is waiting on our response as we say Amen.*

We agree and affirm by not only confessing the promise but also making ourselves ready to receive what His promises state.

God allowed this trouble to keep Paul from walking in pride and to keep him on his knees in prayer.

**2 Corinthians 12:8** **Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace (God's unmerited favor and empowerment) is all you need. (My Grace is sufficient for you) My power (God's grace of empowerment) works best in weakness."**

*Paul's human reasoning was that if all this turmoil and trouble were taken away, he would be more effective for God and be able to do greater things. But this is just Paul's understanding.*

*We must recognize that God knows us and our situation better than we know ourselves. we used as a scripture reference, Psalms 139.*

God understood that self-pride could hinder or prevent Paul from accomplishing his mission more than a demonic force could. **Proverbs 16:18** **Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.**

Pride cripples' faith, Pride hinders faith by promoting self-sufficiency, which undermines the dependence on God that requires faith. *It leads individuals to trust their own abilities and wisdom rather than divine guidance, making them less likely to pray or seek God's help.*

*Notice in **2 Corinthians 12:8**, God associates His power with His grace. So, God's grace works best with this empowerment, which can kick in when we are weak in spirit, soul, or body.*



The empowerment of grace alleviated Paul's emotional instability and mental anguish, which caused his uncertainty.

*No matter what type of emotional instability or mental anguish you may be facing, Greater Grace offers more than enough peace and joy to overcome that condition so you can be a Godly Success.*

It also enabled Paul to be healed from any physical ailments or to function despite them, allowing him to fulfill the mission God has for him.

*The same goes for our adverse physical conditions: Greater Grace is more than enough!*

If we take advantage of what greater grace allocates for us it will have an awesome impact on our lives.

*Paul focused not on his struggles but on praising God even as he faced challenges. God's great grace supplied him with everything he needed, both spiritually and materially, allowing him to rejoice despite all he endured.*

### **The Sufficiency of Greater Grace**

As we take advantage of God's greater grace, which provides sufficiency for our needs and desires, we can be successful in all walks of life.

**Psalms 84:11-12 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; (notice that Glory, along with Grace, is a gift as well) No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. (The upright walk of the new covenant believer is the walk of faith) 12 O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!**

Notice that this verse says that God gives grace and glory. We know grace is His unmerited favor and empowerment, and Glory is the manifestation of God's goodness from God's presence.

God is often referred to as the great "I am that I am," representing His multifaceted nature. God can manifest in various forms and roles, providing what individuals need at any given moment in their lives, tailored to their specific requirements and circumstances.

*No matter what we need for those who trust Him, God says, "I AM".*

Notice in verse 12 it says, **"Blessed is the man who trusts in You,"** or it could say the man who trusts God to keep His word.

So, we see here the grace faith connection, bringing great Sufficiency upon the people who operate in it.

**2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able (this suggest that there is nothing impossible for God) to make all grace abound toward you,**

The Greek term for "abound" is "perisseúō," which signifies to be in excess, to exceed in number or measure, or to possess more than enough, leading to an overflow of abundance.



Additionally, the Greek word for "all" is “Holos”, which translates to "whole," "entire," or "complete."

This understanding implies that the full essence of God's grace will be offered in abundance, surpassing our needs and enabling our requests to become a reality beyond what we hope for.

**“...that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”**

This is not a one-time act; rather, greater grace for sufficiency is continually available to help us maintain an abundant amount for everything we need to be successful in all walks of life. *No matter what comes our way!*

**James 1:2-5 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**

There is a unique empowerment that comes from grace that can only rest upon us when we are going through certain challenges and trials in life.

*This is a prime example of greater grace. The Apostle Paul endured hardships that would have overwhelmed a typical person, yet he still completed his mission.*

Greater grace is the empowerment that enables us to accomplish extraordinary things even in the face of extreme circumstances.

God's ultimate goal for the born-again believer is to be perfect, to be complete, and lacking nothing. *Don't let this statement intimidate you, because God is going to do the work.*

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 provides God the opportunity to transform us into what He has predestined us to be. It allows God to work on us despite all our shortcomings to fulfill His purpose for us.

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

Not only does God want you to complete the work he has assigned to us, but He also uses that work to help complete us. As we complete our work for Him, He is completing a work in us.

*Paul felt a deep joy in his heart, realizing that God's grace had provided him with everything he needed. Whether it was physical resources or spiritual nourishment, he recognized the blessings of peace, joy, fulfillment, and a sense of power both inside and out that can come from the empowerment of Grace.*

*I don't know what you may be going through right now, but if you can realize that God is in it with you and His grace has been keeping you and making whatever is needed available for success, you can take pleasure, have joy, and be greatly successful in spite of.*