

ABUNDANT GRACE

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The grace of God is an essential part of man's salvation-no one will be saved without it. Let's discuss some qualities of God's abundant grace."

Grace to save. "For in grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9) The grace of God is a gift that cannot be merited, earned, nor is it deserved. It is the part God does that man cannot do for himself. God has graciously given of Himself to extend divine favor and pardon to man's greatest problem – SIN. No man can or will be saved without God's grace – period!

Grace established. "Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established in grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them." {Hebrews 13:9} Establish is defined as "to bring about or generate." God's grace is able to bring about our relationship with God thus putting us in a position to receive eternal redemption. Before time began God desired for man to have a spiritual relationship with his Creator. Sin damaged that relationship and "grace" provided the means of reestablishing it again.

Grace sustains. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8) The grace of God is able to sustain us to continue our spiritual relationship with Him despite our imperfections. It gives strength and confidence in living for Him.

Grace teaches. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age." {Titus 2:11,12} God's grace gives us instruction of how to live our lives in accordance to His will. God's grace and salvation can only be achieved in the end if one has been faithful to conform their lives to His word. Some men believe that God's grace is all that is needed for salvation.

So what is the problem that we have with so many concerning God's grace? God's word says nothing about salvation by "**grace only!**" ***