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**MORE SERMONS ON**  
*GOD'S*  
**GRACE**

(Ephesians 2:1-10)



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Why Do Church of Christ Preachers Speak So Little About Grace?



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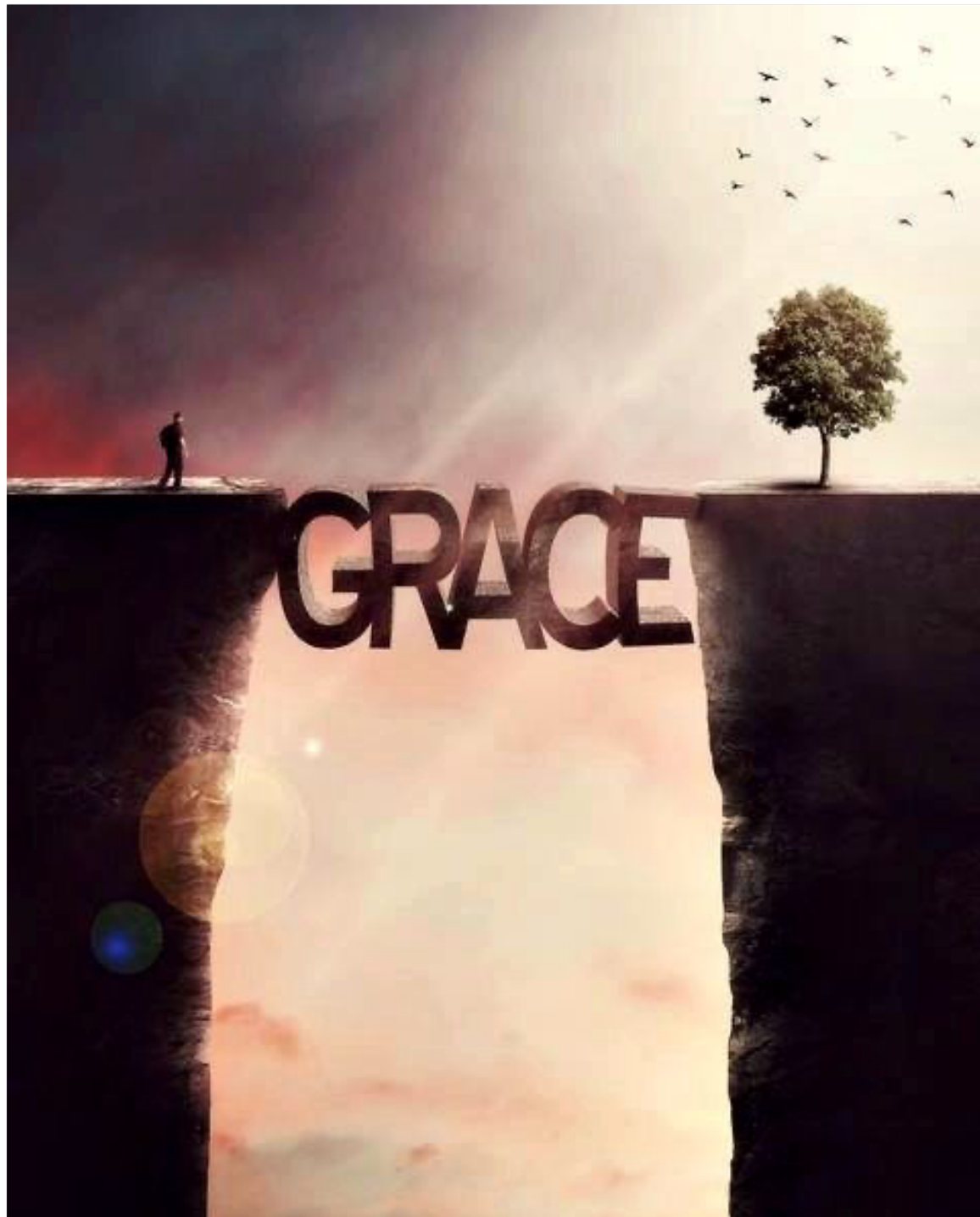
Why is it that Grace is seldom preached from pulpits in Churches of Christ?



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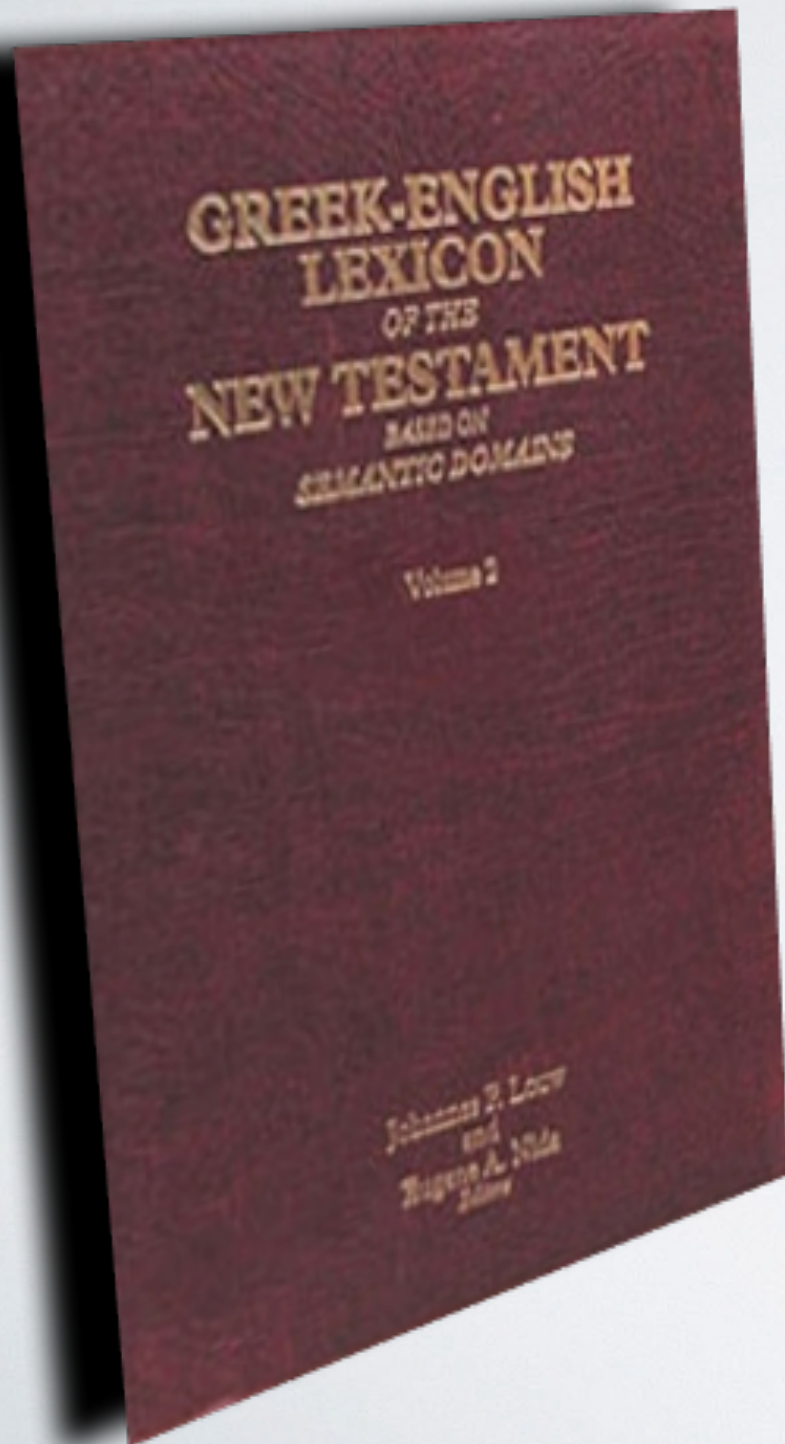


- I have heard this allegation MANY times.
- It is possible that some preachers do not preach on grace enough.
- It is also possible that people have a misunderstanding of what grace is and what it does and therefore expect something to be preached that is contrary to scripture.



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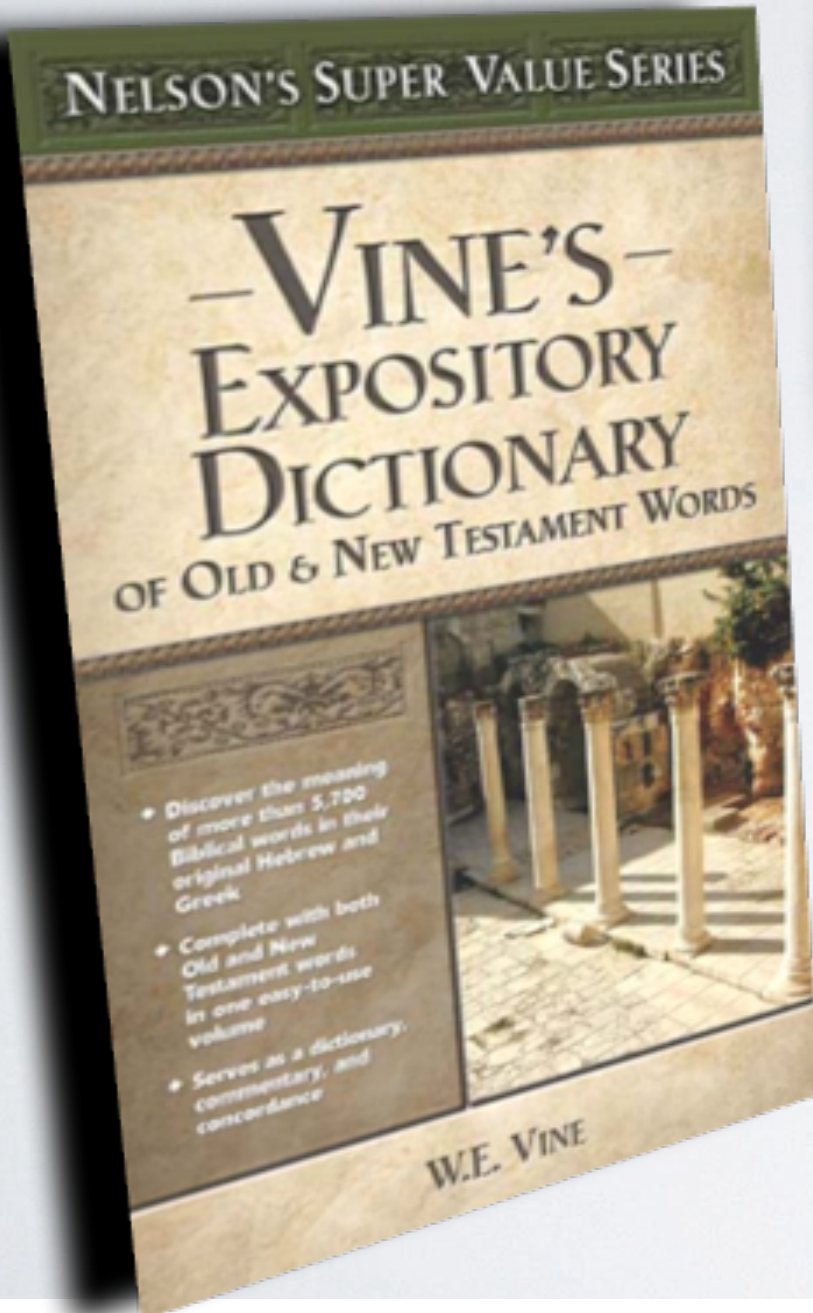
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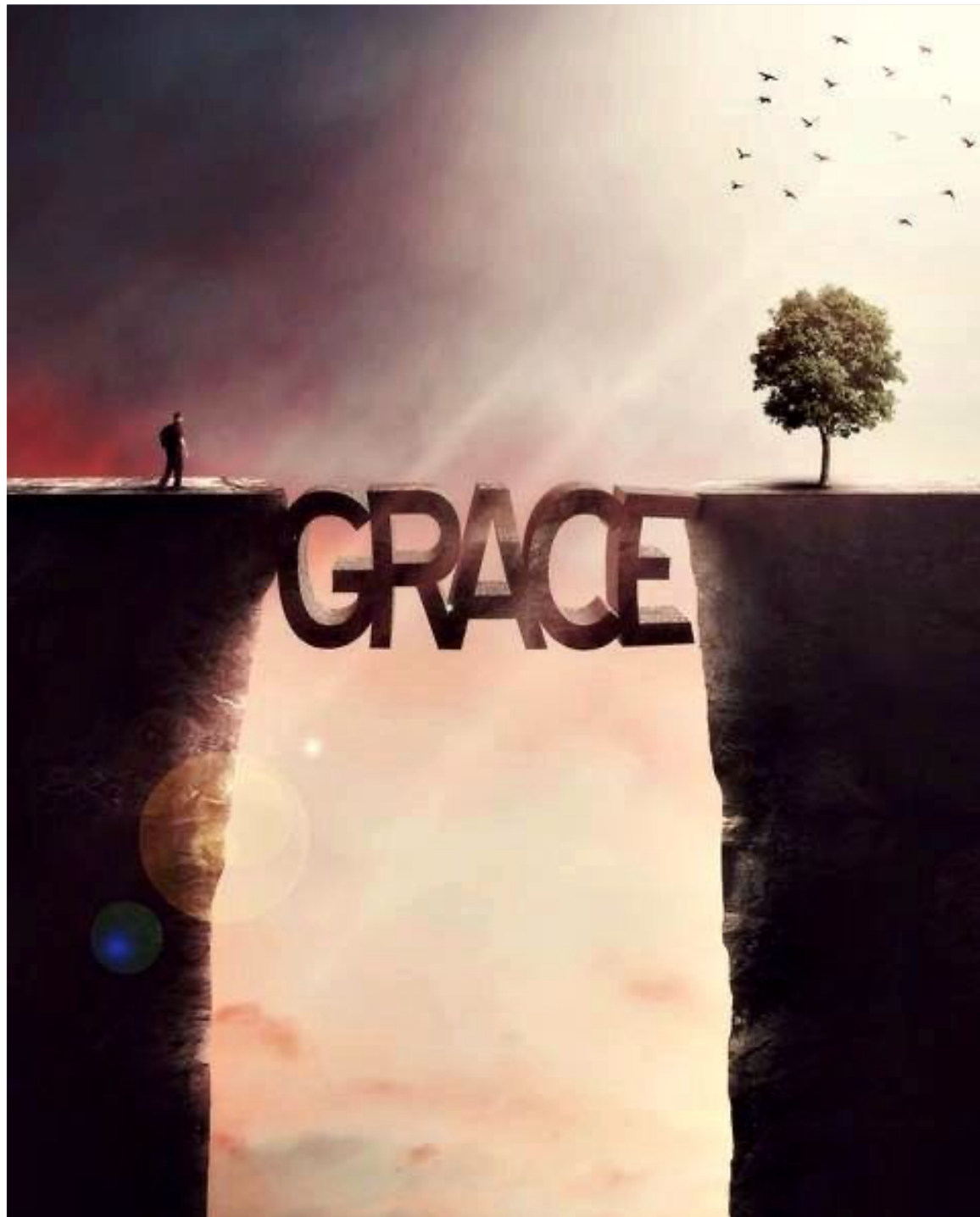
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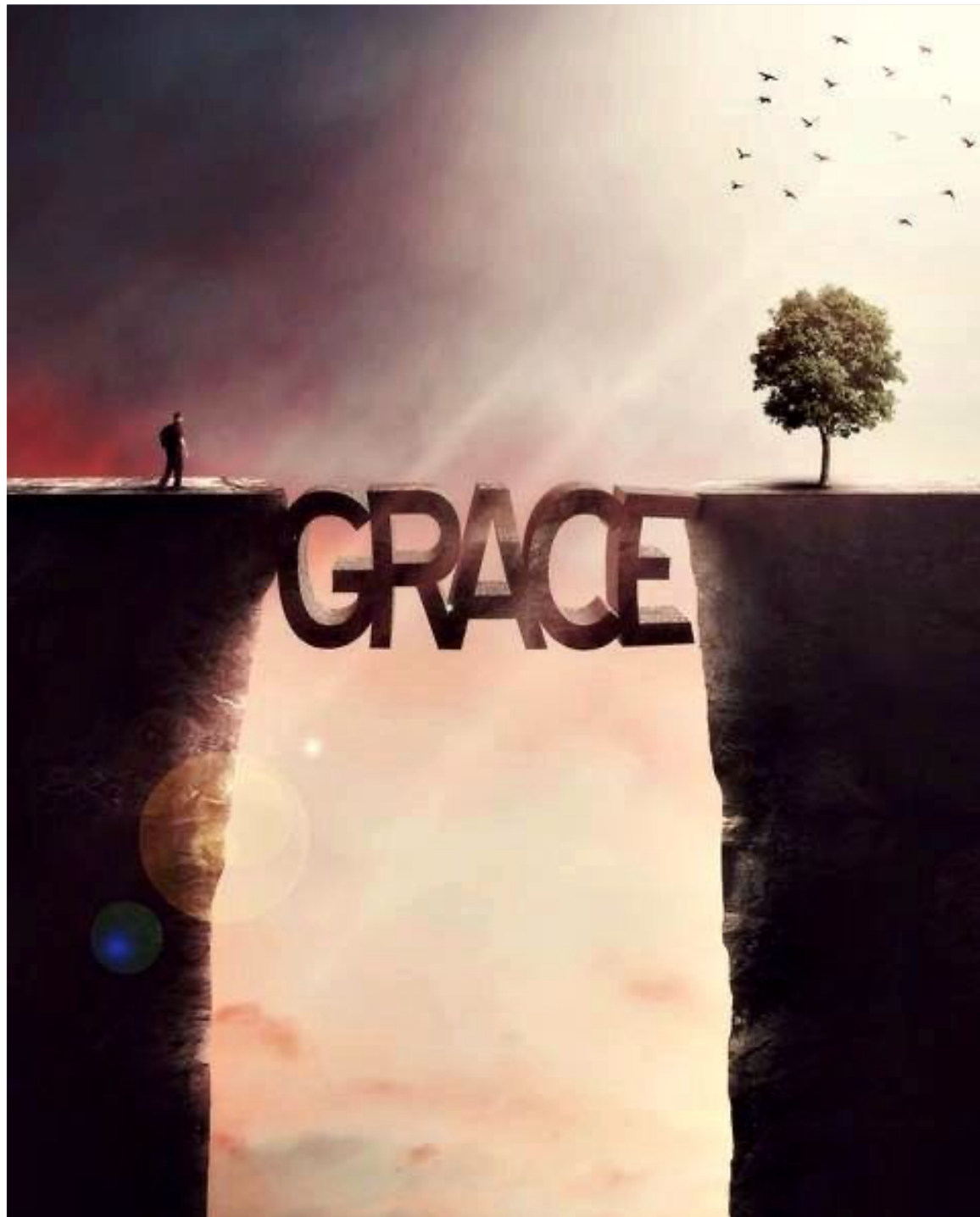
“Unmerited Favor”

- God NOT under obligation to man (Rom 4:4, 5; Mat 18:23-35)
- God’s love is unmerited! (John 3:16; Rom 5:8; 1 John 4:9,10)
- The means of salvation is unmerited! (Mat 26:28; Rom 5:8-10; 10:5-13; Heb. 2:9)
- Every spiritual blessing we receive in Christ is unmerited (Eph 1:3; Col. 1:19; 2:9,10)



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## GRACE

“Unmerited Favor”

- Salvation is by grace [*We do not deserve it nor can we earn it*] (Titus 2:11; 3:5-7; Ro. 3:24; 4:4; 11:6; Ep. 1:7; 2:5-8; 2 Thes. 2:16)
- We have a choice to receive / continue in (Acts 13:43; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 10:29; 12:15)
- The doctrine of grace has been abused (Rom. 6:1,15; Jude 1:4)



# Ephesians 2:1-10

**2** And <sup>a</sup>you *He made alive*, <sup>b</sup>who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2c</sup>in which you once walked according to the <sup>1</sup>course of this world, according to <sup>d</sup>the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in <sup>e</sup>the sons of disobedience, <sup>3f</sup>among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in <sup>g</sup>the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and <sup>h</sup>were  by nature children of wrath, just as the others.



# Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>4</sup> But God, <sup>i</sup>who is rich in mercy, because of His <sup>j</sup>great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup><sup>k</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, <sup>l</sup>made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup>and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together <sup>m</sup>in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in <sup>n</sup>His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.



# Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>8</sup> <sup>o</sup>For by grace you have been saved <sup>p</sup>through faith,  
and that not of yourselves; <sup>q</sup>it is the gift of God,  
<sup>9</sup> not of <sup>r</sup>works, lest anyone should <sup>s</sup>boast. <sup>10</sup> For we  
are <sup>t</sup>His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for  
good works, which God prepared beforehand that  
we should walk in them.

## **DEAD / LOST**

Because of sin,  
Worldliness,  
Disobedience  
Verses 1-4, 5

## **GRACE / MERCY**

God's love provided a  
way for men to be  
made alive, saved, raised  
Verses 1,4, 5,6

## **ALIVE / SAVED**

Via our faith, we are  
made alive, saved,  
raised, in Christ  
Verses 1,6-10



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WHICH VIEW DOES THE BIBLE REACH?



UNCONDITIONAL:

**All of God,  
NONE of man.**

We contribute  
NOTHING in regard  
to our salvation.  
Any act of obedience  
from us nullifies  
God's grace.



CONDITIONAL:

**God  
provided the  
means and  
instructions.**

We receive salvation  
through trusting God  
enough to submit to  
His terms.  
Submission does not  
earn our salvation .



MERITED / EARNED

**None of  
God, ALL of man.**

We are good enough to  
be saved.

We have done enough  
good deeds to outweigh  
our bad.

We climb our way to  
God doing enough good  
to deserve His favor.



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STOP TRYING  
TO EARN  
*grace*

## GRACE

“Unmerited Favor”

- Our perspective of God’s GRACIOUSNESS should ALWAYS be that of an unworthy, totally dependent servant (Luke 17:10)
- We DO NOT & CANNOT deserve a single thing from God!
- If we have sinned, (Rom. 3:23), we deserve DEATH (Rom. 6:23)



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- Grace does NOT nullify the Law of Christ (Gal 6:2; Rom 6:1; 8:1)
- Grace does NOT permit the one who has received it to continue in sin (Rom 6:1,2; 1 Pet 1:14; 2:16; 4:1-4; Gal 5:13; 1 Jn 3:4)
- Grace does not exclude obedience (Gal 2:20; Heb 5:8.9; Rom. 6:15-18; Eph. 2:10)



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**Ephesians 2:8–9** (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it* is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.

GRACE  
“Unmerited Favor”

- Noah saved by grace through faith (Gen. 6:8; Heb 11:7)
- Naaman healed by grace through faith (2 Kings 5:1-19; Lk 4:27)
- Walls of Jericho fell by grace through faith (Joshua 6:2,15,16,20; Heb 11:30)
- When we by FAITH obey, grace is received - not nullified!



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## **SAVED BY GRACE**

GOD  
SPEAKS

MAN  
HEARS

MAN  
OBEYS BY  
FAITH

GOD  
SAVES

**Noah** - Gen. 6:8,13-17; 22; 7:5; Heb 11:7

**Abraham** – Gen 12:4; 15:6; 17:10,23; 22:3,16-18

**Israel** – Ex. 12:13; 14:30; Dt 30:15-19; Jos 6; 1 Cor 10:1-13

**Us** – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:12,37; Rom 6:3-6; 10:9-13;  
Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet 3:21; 1 Jn 1:9



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Paul's point is either a thing is deserved or it is NOT.

Jew NOR Gentile deserved to be saved by God!

How can any sinner deserve a right standing with God?

GRACE  
“Unmerited Favor”

**Romans 11:6 (NKJV)**


<sup>6</sup> And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.



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GRACE IS PREACHED WHEN WE PREACH

## GOD'S PROVISION of SALVATION


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- We are all sinners in need of salvation (Ecc. 7:20; Rom. 3:23; Gal. 3:22; etc.)
  - We CANNOT save ourselves from our sins (Is. 59:1,2; 64:6; Jer. 10:23; Rom 6:23; 7:23,24)
  - Jesus died on the cross to provide an acceptable sacrifice for our sins (Is. 53:11; Mt. 26:28; Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8-10; Heb. 2:9; 9:14,15,26,27; 10:12; 1 Jn 2:1,2; etc)
  - Jesus was buried, but three days later was raised to sit on His throne (Jn. 14:9; Acts 2:29-36; Ro. 4:25; 5:10,18; 1 Cor. 15:17; etc.)



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## GOD'S PLAN of SALVATION


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- We MUST hear these facts & believe them to be true, and place our trust in Jesus (Jn. 3:14-18; 8:24; Acts 2:41; Rom. 10:1-17)
  - 📌 We MUST CONFESS (Mt. 10:32; Ro. 10:9,10)
  - 📌 We MUST REPENT (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30,31; 20:21; 26:20; Rom. 2:5-10; 2 Cor. 7:9,10; 2 Pet. 3:9)
  - 📌 We MUST be BAPTIZED in the name of Jesus for the remission of our sins (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; ...)



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## ON BAPTISM ...

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- It is by God's grace we are saved - Jesus said "*He who believes and is baptized will be saved*" (Mk 16:16; cf. 1 Pt. 3:21)
  - It is by God's grace we are forgiven of our sins (Acts 2:38; Col. 2:12,13)
  - It is by God's that we become children of God (Gal. 3:26,27)
  - It is by God's grace that we are baptized into Christ's death and raised to spiritual life in Christ (Rom. 6:1-18)

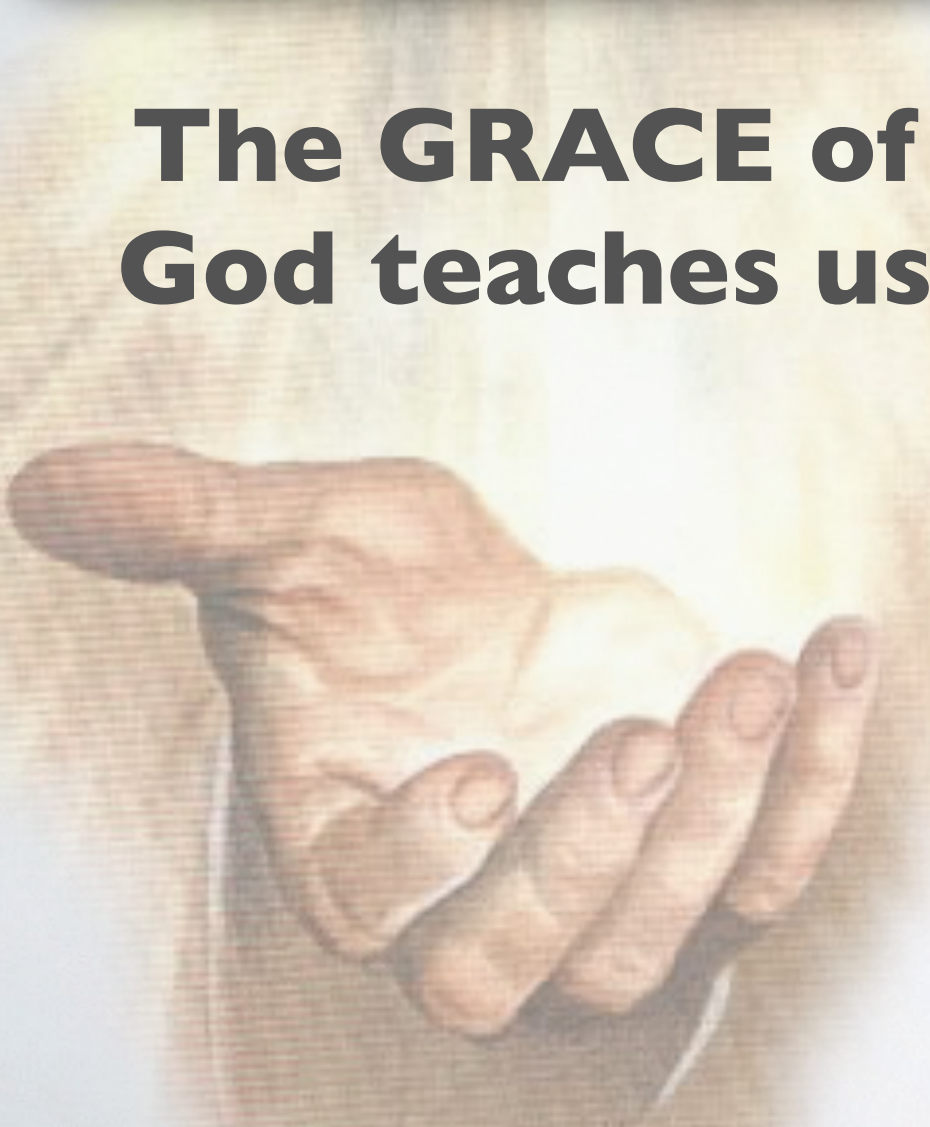


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HOW WE ARE TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS

**The GRACE of  
God teaches us**

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- Grace teaches us to deny ungodliness & worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, & godly (Titus 2:11,12)
  - Grace teaches us live holy lives (Rom. 6:1-24; 1 Pet. 1:13-16)
  - Grace instructs us to be faithful and fruitful (Acts 11:23; 13:43; Rom. 12:3; 15:15; Col. 1:6; 2 Thes. 1:12)
  - Grace teaches us how to overcome sin (Rom. 6-8; Eph. 6:10-18; 1 Cor. 10:13)



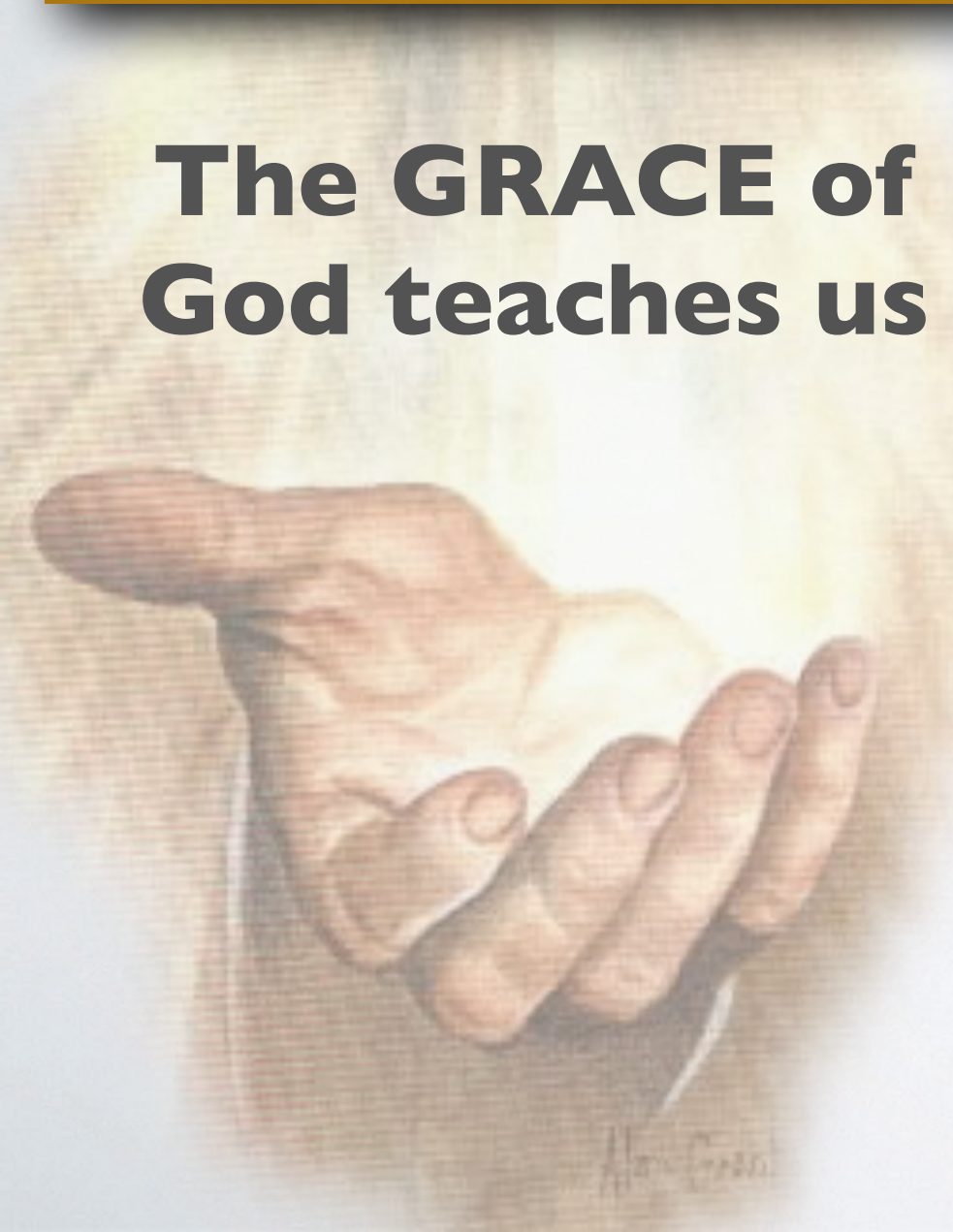
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## THE WORD OF GOD (2 Tim 4:2)

**The GRACE of  
God teaches us**

- The faithful preacher will preach the word when people want it and when they don't (2 Tim. 4:2-4)
- It is God's grace that warns us of the danger of apostasy, both individually and corporately (1 Cor. 10:1-13; Gal. 5:1-4; 1 Tim 4:1-6; 2 Tim. 3:1-9)
- It is God's grace that warns us about sin, error, and the judgment, as well as the way of deliverance (Acts 24:25; Rom. 2:5-11; 6:23; etc.)





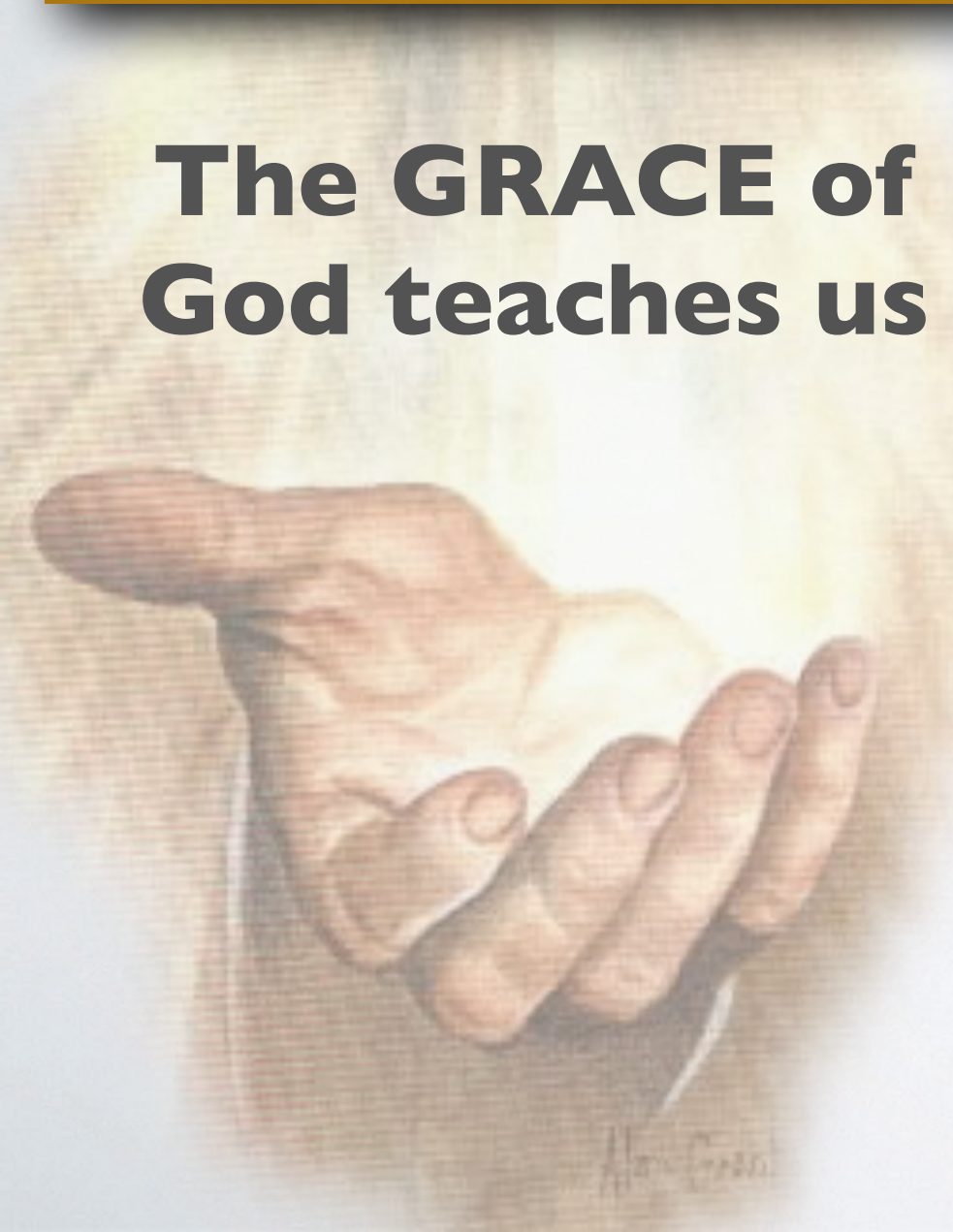
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- What has the grace of God revealed in the scriptures teach about ...
  - ▶ The Lord's church — It's unity, organization, worship and work?
  - ▶ The duties of husbands, wives, fathers, mothers and children?
  - ▶ How we are to love one another?
  - ▶ Sin - what it is, what it does to us?
  - ▶ The 2nd coming / Hell / HEAVEN





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**The GRACE of  
God teaches us**

- What do people expect to hear when “GRACE” is preached?
- ▶ Some expect to hear the whole council of God (Acts 20:24-27)
- ▶ Some expect to hear how God’s grace can deliver them from the guilt, practice and bondage of sin (Rom. 6-8; Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Pet. 1:5-10)
- ▶ Sadly, some expect to hear that God’s grace will overlook their sin, allow them to continue in sin and save them even though they refuse to repent of their sin. (Rom. 2:5-11; 1 Jn 1:5-2:4; 3:1-9)



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Grace Does NOT nullify  
OUR DUTY to obey God!

Grace Does NOT grant  
permission or liberty to sin!  
Grace does NOT pardon sin  
we REFUSE to repent of.

Grace Demands Faith,  
Repentance & Obedience!





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Titus 2:11–12  
(NKJV)

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God that brings  
salvation has  
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<sup>12</sup> teaching us that,  
denying ungodliness  
and worldly lusts,  
we should live  
soberly, righteously,  
and godly in the  
present age,

- Because of God's love and mercy He has provided the means of forgiveness for sin!! – John 3:16; Acts 2:38; Eph. 2:1-10; 1 Jn 1:5-2:1,2
- The Grace of God is to have abiding results in the life of the child of God!! – Titus 2:11-14; Romans 6:8; 12:1,2; 1 Pet 1:13-19



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GOD'S GRACE IS AVAILABLE  
& EXTENDED TO YOU!

- Will You Receive By Faith God's Gracious Gift of Salvation In Obeying The Gospel?
- Are You By Faith Striving to Live According To The Teaching of God's Grace?







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