

**GRACE  
EXPLAINED**

**EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

## **Ephesians 2:1-10**

**1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

**2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**

**3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**

## **Ephesians 2:1-10 - continued**

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,**

**5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

**6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

**7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

## **Ephesians 2:1-10 - continued**

**8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**

**9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

**10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

# Introduction

## A. Do not confuse grace with mercy

Mercy – God not giving us the judgment we deserve

Grace – God providing gift(s) that we do not deserve

## B. Both show the kindness and compassion of God's love through Christ

### 1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

### John 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

# **Introduction**

**C. Grace empowers us to live the life that God intended**

**1. We must ask God for grace**

**Hebrews 4:16**

**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

**2. God's grace is sufficient**

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

**And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

# **Introduction**

**C. Grace empowers us to live the life that God intended  
(continued)**

**3. God's grace is available to all**

**Titus 2:11**

**For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath  
appeared to all men,**

# **I. Goodness of God (2:4)**

**Ephesians 2:4**

**But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love  
wherewith he loved us,**

**A. Grace = charis – goodwill, loving kindness, favor**

**B. God's goodness is bestowed on His children each day**

**Psalm 68:19**

**Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits,  
even the God of our salvation. Selah.**

# **I. Goodness of God (2:4)**

**C. We should recognize His blessings**

**James 1:17**

**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.**

**D. We should be thankful for them**

**Hebrews 13:15**

**By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.**

## **II. Redemption by God (2:5)**

**Ephesians 2:5**

**Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

**A. Man was made holy by God**

**B. Man was degenerated by Satan and sin**

**Romans 5:19a**

**For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, ...**

## **II. Redemption by God (2:5)**

**C. Man may be regenerated by Jesus Christ**

**Hebrews 9:12**

**Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**

**D. Man must repent and receive Christ's redemption by belief**

**Galatians 2:20**

**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

### **III. Assistance from God (2:7)**

**Ephesians 2:7**

**That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

**A. To assist means to help**

**Psalm 70:5**

**But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.**

**B. God can do what we cannot do**

**Luke 18:27**

**And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.**

### **III. Assistance from God (2:7)**

**C. God can supply what we do not have**

**Philippians 4:19**

**But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

**D. God's supply of grace does not run out**

**1 Timothy 1:14**

**And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.**

## **IV. Created for God (2:10)**

### **Ephesians 2:10**

**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

**A. Good works that reflect what God has done for us**

**2 Corinthians 9:8**

**And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:**

## **IV. Created for God (2:10)**

### **B. God works through surrendered Christians**

#### **1. To look right to God**

**1 John 3:22**

**And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.**

#### **2. To do right for God**

**Hebrews 13:21**

**Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **V. Eternity with God (2:7)**

**Ephesians 2:7**

**That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

**A. God's grace is sufficient to sustain us in this life**

**Romans 5:17**

**For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)**

## **V. Eternity with God (2:7)**

**B. God's grace provides an eternity with Himself**

**Romans 5:21**

**That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**C. The eternity by His grace should give hope**

**2 Thessalonians 2:16**

**Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,**

## **V. Eternity with God (2:7)**

**D. This hope is the promise of His presence**

**John 14:2-3**

**2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

**3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

**EXPERIENCE HIS  
GRACE TODAY!**