# Grace and Gratitude

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

# Context

As you read the Apostle Paul’s letters, you will see the place that grace held in Paul’s mind. Every letter Paul wrote begins with a prominent note of grace and ends with a signal of grace. As you will see, grace, God’s grace, is the foundation and fountain of thanksgiving.

# Question

What is God’s grace?

# Bible Verse

**1 Corinthians 1:4–9 CSB**

I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in him in every way, in all speech and all knowledge. In this way, the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you, so that you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; you were called by him into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. **Grace is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

“Noah found grace [chen] in the eyes of the LORD.” **(Genesis 6:8)**

Lot states, “Your servant has found favor [chen] with you, and you have shown me great kindness [chesed] by sparing my life.” **(Genesis 19:19)**

“The Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness [chesed] to him, and gave him favor [chen] in the sight of the chief jailer.” **(Genesis 39:21)**

“Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies’ sake [chesed].” (**Psalm 6:4**; see also Psalm 31:16; 44:26; 109:26)

In **Psalm 51:1**, “Have mercy [chen] on me, O God, according to your unfailing love [chesed]; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.”

In **Esther 2:17** we read, “And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace [chen] and favor [chesed] in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.”

**God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_: the \_\_\_\_-turning of God to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in an act of assistance in time of \_\_\_\_\_\_.**

What all does this include? (Galatians 1:15, Ephesians 3:8, 1 Corinthians 3:10, 2 Corinthians 1:12, Galatians 2:9, Romans 12:3, 2 Corinthians 12:9)

In **1 Corinthians 15:10**, grace summed him up, “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.”

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

1. **Grace is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Paul rebutted in [**Galatians 2:21**](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ga2.21), “If a man can establish the right relationship between himself and God by the meticulous performance of the works of the Law, then the death of Christ was a colossal mistake, and His sacrifice was utterly unnecessary.”

**Grace needs no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

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    2. **Second, when we add \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the gospel.**
    3. **Third, when we feel \_\_\_\_\_-sufficient.**
    4. **Fourth, when we feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

1. **Grace is personified in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

# Big Idea

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ begets \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

**Philippians 4:23; Philemon 25 CSB**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

# Pray

Receive God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

“Dear God, I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You love me, You sent Your only Son, Jesus, to die for my sins, and that You raised Him from the dead. I want to turn from my sins and trust Jesus as my only Savior and Lord. Please forgive me, come into my life, and prepare a home in heaven for me. Thank You for saving me. In Jesus’ name.”

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your grace. Help us to rest in your grace. Help us to glorify You with lives of obedient love and joy. In Jesus’ name, all God’s people say, “Amen!”