

Understanding Grace Upon Grace (John 1:16)

<i>Aspects of _____</i>	related to	<i>Aspects of _____</i>
1. Spared the penalty of sin	→	Provides a standing before God
2. Rescued from the power of sin	→	Provides for the daily life on earth (our walk)
3. Delivered from the presence of sin	→	Demonstrated in the ages to come

By grace, a standing before God

This standing is fully accomplished the moment someone is saved.

Eph. 1:7 – “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”

Rom. 3:24 – “being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”

Col. 1:21, 22 – “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled”

Grace for the daily life

Romans 5:2 – Every believer stands in grace and has access to it by faith

God is _____ through grace in every circumstance of the believer’s life.

1 Cor. 15:10 – All that we are, all that godly works we accomplish are as a result of God’s grace.

Grace... sustains us during times of affliction – Cor. 12:9
delivers us from the power of sin – Rom. 6:14
helps us become spiritually strong – 2 Tim. 2:1
establishes our heart – Heb. 13:9

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helps us to serve God acceptably – Heb. 12:28, 2 Cor. 9:8
allows special giving – 2 Cor. 8:2
evangelizes through preaching – Eph. 3:8
provides all ministering to the church – Eph. 4:7, 11, 12
fully supplies in time of need – Heb. 4:16

Grace in the ages to come

1 Pet. 1:13 – “... rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”

Think about the actions of God towards believers upon Jesus’ return to earth. Do these actions meet the definition of grace that you have learned? Read the following verses pertaining to future events affecting the believers and list what the action is.

1 Cor. 15:52 – _____
1 Thess. 4:16, 17 – _____
Rom. 8:29 – _____
1 John 3:2 – _____
Phil. 3:21 – _____
John 17:21 – _____
John 17:22 – _____

What word contrasts the measure of grace toward the believer throughout eternity (Eph. 2:7) with the grace in this life (Eph. 1:7) ? _____

Only at the end of time will the fullness of the grace upon grace God provides be revealed.

Purpose of grace – “Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:25-27)

Grace is not only God’s method of forgiving sin. Grace includes all that He does with and for the believer in raising him from his lost and condemned estate; in purifying and perfecting him; and finally, in placing him as a glorious being, far above all other created things, in a perfect union with Himself. This is grace upon grace.