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Through God's Word*

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Hello
Friend,

I have been
hired to be
Pastor of
Hispanic
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at Grace
Bible

Church in Dallas, TX. Grace has a rich history in the community as well as the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. We are excited and thankful for the opportunity. I ask for your prayers given we will be starting the ministry from the ground up.

Our Spanish radio program, Focus on the Lord also continues to make strides in the DFW area as well as San Antonio. I would like to share with you a recent email we received from a listener named Consuelo: "I would first like to thank God for servants like yourself that preach His word simply and clearly. I pray our Father illumines you with his grace and Holy Spirit so that you can continue on the same path. May the Lord continue to use you to help others draw closer to him

and destroy the works of the enemy."

Consider financially partnering with Joe Santana Global Ministries. Allow me the privilege of being your voice to the Spanish-speaking community. I am confident that our labor in the Lord will yield a good return on your investment both eternally and here in time.

In His grace,

Word Study

Grace

The purpose of this word study is to consider how the word *grace* is used in different passages of Scripture. It will be observed that the term is utilized in the context of relationships both God to humankind as well as humankind to humankind.

A Basic Definition

The word *grace* (*Hebrew-hēn / Greek-charis*) in its most basic sense may be understood as "favor." This "favor" can be expressed in several ways. Yet its focus is always on the recipient and not the giver. It is in the recipient's best interest that one extends "favor" (*grace*) to them since it will better their life.

In The Old Testament

God to Humankind

Genesis 6:8 gives an example of the *grace* that God demonstrates to humankind. This passage states that Noah found *grace* (*hēn*) in the eyes of the LORD. The *grace* ("favor") that Noah experienced entailed

deliverance from impending judgment, the flood to come.

"Grace involves reaching out to someone with something that will better their life."

Judges 6:17 illustrates another instance of the grace God bestows upon people. This passage states that Gideon found grace (*hēn*) in the sight of the LORD. The grace ("favor") that Gideon received involved the protecting presence of God as he sought to deliver the Israelites from the oppressive Midianites.

Humankind to Humankind

Ruth 2:10 illustrates the manner in which grace is demonstrated in

Inspirational Thought

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

the context of human relationships. This passage states that Ruth found grace (*hēn*) in the eyes of Boaz. Boaz's grace ("favor") towards Ruth was expressed by allowing her to glean in his field. This in turn would keep her and her mother-in-law from starving.

Esther 2:15-17 provides another example of the human touch of grace. Esther is seen as obtaining grace (*hēn*) from King Ahasuerus. The grace ("favor") that Esther received from the king was that of being crowned queen of the Persian Empire.

Word Study

Grace



In The New Testament

God to Humankind

Luke 1:30 gives an example of the grace God bestows upon humanity. This passage states that Mary found grace (charis) with God. The grace (“favor”) that Mary obtained was the honor of giving birth to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:24 also illustrates God’s expression of grace to humankind. This passage reveals that a person is declared righteous by God as a result of His grace (charis). God’s grace (“favor”) finds its expression in the redemption that is in Jesus Christ.

Humankind to Humankind

Luke 4:22 provides an example of grace within the context of human relationships. Christ’s words are described as gracious (charis) in this passage. They were gracious (“favorable”) words since they described the nature of His life-giving ministry.

Ephesians 4:29 also presents grace in the context of human

relationships. This passage states that believers are to speak wholesome words that impart grace (charis). This means that gracious (“favorable”) speech should characterize the believer.

In Our Daily Lives

Grace involves reaching out to someone with something that will better their life. God exemplified grace when He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin. This gracious act significantly improves our destiny once it is embraced.

Our deeds of grace might also improve someone’s destiny. It might entail a warm smile. It might involve our resources. It may involve of our time. Regardless of how grace is expressed someone will benefit from the favor that crossed their path.

Be a vessel of God’s grace. It will require faith. It will involve sacrifice. Yet a life that displays grace has the capacity to transform many lives for the better—including ours!

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