#### GRACE

The free and unmerited favor of Yahweh,as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.

# GRACE: more than we deserve, greater then we imagine

Grace- His decision to ravage a people by Love,to rescue passionately and to restore justly.

God's Riches At Christ's Expense

# Grace is a description of the character of Yahweh which is displayed by His gift to men.

# God is a God of grace and He desires to make this known not only to men but also to the angelic hosts.

# Ephesians 1:5-12 2:1-10

5)He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6)to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7)In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace"

8)which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight 9)He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him 10) with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him

11)also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, 12)to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory."

1)And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2)in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience." Ephesians 2:1-2 NASB

3)Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4)But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us," Ephesians 2:3-4 NASB

5) even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6) and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7)so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:5-7 NASB

8)For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9)not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10)For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." Ephesians 2:8-10 NASB

This attribute of Yahweh has always been a part of Yahweh's character since He is immutable and changeless.

"They refused to listen, And did not remember Your wondrous deeds which You had performed among them; So they became stubborn and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But You are a God of forgiveness, Gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness; And You did not forsake them." Nehemiah 9:17 NASB

"But He, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them; And often He restrained His anger And did not arouse all His wrath." Psalms 78:38 NASB

"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." James 1:17 NASB

# Saving grace is that generous provision of salvation on the Cross Of Calvary.

# Salvation comes by Grace

"But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many." Romans 5:15 NASB

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"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;" Ephesians 2:8 NASB

"To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." 2 Timothy 1:2 NASB

8)Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9)who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, 10)but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel," 2 Timothy 1:8-10 NASB

"To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior." Titus 1:4 NASB

11)For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12)instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age," Titus 2:11-12 NASB

13)looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14)who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds." Titus 2:13-14 NASB

#### Unmerited Grace

## Deuteronomy 7:6-9

6) For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7)The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,"

8) but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9)Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;"

## Deuteronomy 9:1-6

1)Hear, O Israel! You are crossing over the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, great cities fortified to heaven, 2)a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know and of whom you have heard it said, 'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?""

3)Know therefore today that it is the LORD your God who is crossing over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and He will subdue them before you, so that you may drive them out and destroy them quickly, just as the LORD has spoken to you. 4)Do not say in your heart when the LORD your God has driven them out before you, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is dispossessing them before you."

5)It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD your God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm the oath which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. 6)Know, then, it is not because of your righteousness that the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stubborn people.

# Ezekiel 36:16-22

16)Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, 17)Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. 18) Therefore I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols."

19)Also I scattered them among the nations and they were dispersed throughout the lands. According to their ways and their deeds I judged them. 20)When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD; yet they have come out of His land.""

21)But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went. 22) Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went."

# Romans 9:14-18

14)What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! 15)For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE **COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE** COMPASSION. 16)So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

17)For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, **"FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I** RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE M Y POWER IN YOU, AND THAT M Y NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH." 18)So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires."

Titus 3:3-7

3)For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. 4)But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,"

5)He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6)whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7)so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

# We can do nothing else but conclude that God is,was and will ever be a God of Grace!