

## ***GRACE: Jesus' Unconditional, All-encompassing, Abundantly Overflowing and Freely-Given Gift for You***

If you do not have a **New Living Translation** Bible, it would be good if you use this sheet and continue to read these scriptures to help you become strong in the grace of God!

Knowing who we are in Christ Jesus and what Jesus did for us through His death, burial and resurrection takes all the struggle and effort out of Christian life. You'll live in peace, joy and victory, just knowing that God loves you and He's pleased with you. This helps eliminate the bondages of guilt and condemnation that most of us, as Christians, have lived in. Once a person receives Jesus as Lord, this is what they become:

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.** 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV

**This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!** 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

In my Christian life, I've heard ministers say that we are the righteousness of God in Christ, and we've been justified in the sight of God. It seemed as though other people I knew got it, but I didn't understand it. So, to help **you** understand, I want to share these verses that have been a great help to me.

**Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.** Isaiah 53:4,5

And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, "This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds." And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices. Hebrews 10:15-18

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous. Romans 5:1,2, 9, 17,19

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. Romans 8:1,2

**We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.**

Acts 15:11

How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

For if the inheritance could be received by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God's promise.

But God graciously gave it to Abraham as a promise. Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people.

Now a mediator is helpful if more than one party must reach an agreement. But God, who is one, did not use a mediator when he gave his promise to Abraham.

Is there a conflict, then, between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it.

But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. Let me put it another way.

The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian. Galatians 3:3, 11, 18-24

Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. [Jude 1:3,4](#)

assuming, by the way, that you know God gave me the special responsibility of extending his grace to you Gentiles. As I briefly wrote earlier, God himself revealed his mysterious plan to me. As you read what I have written, you will understand my insight into this plan regarding Christ. God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by his Spirit he has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets. [Ephesians 3:2-5](#)

Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. Everyone who believes in him is declared right with God—something the law of Moses could never do. [Acts 13:38,39](#)

For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ. [John 1:17 AMP](#)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. [Ephesians 2:8-10](#)

Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. [Romans 3:24](#)

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. So guard yourselves and God's people.

Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders. And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself. [Acts 20:24,28,32](#)

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace. [Gal. 5:1,4](#)

This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them.

For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies—physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established.

So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God.

For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them.

For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant. [Hebrews 9:9-15](#)

I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die. [Galatians 2:21](#)

It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling *and* restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up *and* holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor). [2 Corinthians 5:19 AMP](#)