



# HOLINESS AND GRACE

# GRACE

## **Definition of *grace***

- unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration or sanctification
- a virtue coming from God
- a state of sanctification enjoyed through divine assistance
- approval, favor stayed in his good graces
- archaic : mercy, pardon
- disposition to or an act or instance of kindness, courtesy, or clemency



# GRACE ENACTED

## NUMBERS 14:18

- The Lord is slow to anger and filled with unfailing love, forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion



# ANANIAS & SAPPHIRA ACTS 5:1-11

Holiness protected



# LEVITICUS 20:26

- You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.



# 1 PETER 1:13-16 CALL TO BE HOLY

- <sup>13</sup> Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”



# HOLINESS

## Definition

**Holiness is loving what God loves and hating what He hates.**



- To be holy means to live a set apart life unto Almighty God, Whom we serve. Holiness is sanctification in action. It is actually doing the things which God loves, while at the same time staying away from those things which do not please Him. Holiness is the result of walking in the fear and reverence of the Lord. Holiness is pleasing to God because it is living a consecrated lifestyle. Now it must be pointed out here that to be holy, according to the Bible, does not mean being weird. Weirdness is the result of being spooky. When we walk in holiness before the Lord, we literally set ourselves up to experience His blessings and provisions. This in itself is an awesome thing. But the greatest thing about living this way is the joy and power of developing a close and intimate walk with Almighty God.

- Sheldon Newton

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# 2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

## PURITY

- <sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.



# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

- Holiness
  - Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence-continue **to work out your salvation with fear and trembling**, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.
- Transformation
  - Attitudes
  - Behaviour



# HEBREWS 12:14

## PURPOSE OF HOLINESS

- <sup>14</sup>Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the LORD.

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# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT GALATIANS 5:22-23

- Holiness
  - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**Love** And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5 (NLT)

**Peace** May the Lord show favor toward you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:26 (NLT)

**Faithfulness** Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:23b (NASB)

My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7 (NIV)

**Goodness** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6 (KJV)

**Gentleness** Pursue a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11b (NLT)

Meanwhile, the saints stand passionately **Patience** patient, keeping God's commands, staying faithful to Jesus. Revelation 14:12 (The Message)

**Self-Control** A person without self-control is like a house with its doors and windows knocked out. Proverbs 25:28 (The Message)

**Kindness** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a (NIV)

## 2 TIMOTHY 1:9

- He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.



# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

- Grace
  - A mindset to strive for towards yourself and others
    - Attitudes
    - Behaviour

# ROMANS 6:1-4

- What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?  
<sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life



# HEBREWS 4:15-16

## GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

- <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



# WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?

- Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
- Romans 12:1



# WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?

- Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
- Psalm 139:23-24

