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*The issue of grace has been dominating the Christian news recently. Some believe it's the all-encompassing blanket against sin while others think it's only available to those who qualify based on acceptance to receive and the determination to keep within the stipulations. My attempt is to present what the Bible says and you can come to your conclusion.*

### **Grace is a person**

*The first step is to realise that grace is wrapped around the person of Jesus. He came with grace, he activated grace on the cross, and he made it available and still dispenses it today. **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:15-16** John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" **16** and of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. **Rom 5:1-2**. The conclusion for me is that you cannot have grace without knowing the person that brings it. You must be born again to access grace.*

### **Grace gives us peace with God**

*Satan was able to put a big rift between us and God when he got Adam and Eve to disobey God. Everything went to pieces and all the troubles became amplified. Jesus came to reconcile us by paying for the sins once and for all. This gave us unfettered access to God and made sure never again will sin be a hindrance to our relationship with God. **Eph 1:2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. **Eph 1:1-22**. The conclusion of this is that we now have forgiveness of sins and access to all spiritual blessings in heaven. God's power at our disposal after sin has been cleared away.*

### **Grace comes only by Faith**

*Grace is a gift from God to anyone that will receive it by faith. It's the only way to be saved and only faith can access it. This has nothing to do with works. **Eph 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. **Eph 2:4** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). The conclusion of this is that you will need to receive it by faith. This is the only way to get it.*

### **Grace is Gods only judgement**

*God loves us so much that he gave Jesus so we can be saved and not lost forever. The issue is, it is available to all but those that refuse to avail themselves will be condemned. **John 3:18** "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **Hebrews 10:26-31** -26 For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Shalom.*



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