

I Grace is the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit giving Himself freely to us, being everything to us, and doing everything in us, for us, and through us for our enjoyment.

II The multiplication of grace is the grace that multiplies in our daily life in the full knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; the grace of God in His economy is rich, multiplying, and abounding: 1 Pet. 1:2 Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the Spirit unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. **A** Grace is multiplied to us through our sufferings, limitations, and weaknesses; grace is Christ as our Burden-bearer; the more burdens we have, the more opportunities we have to experience Christ as grace. **B** The enjoyment of the Lord as grace is with those who love Him. **C** The enjoyment of the Lord as grace with His divine nature is by our receiving and abiding in the word of His grace, which includes all His precious and exceedingly great promises.

III The prophets in the Old Testament prophesied concerning the grace that was to come unto us: **A** The Spirit of Christ in the Old Testament prophets made them clear concerning Christ coming as grace to us through His incarnation, His sufferings in His human living and crucifixion, and His glories in His resurrection, ascension, second coming, and reigning for the application of God's full salvation to us. **B** Although the Spirit of Christ was constituted dispensationally through and with Christ's death and resurrection in the New Testament time, the function of the Spirit is eternal, because He is the eternal Spirit. **C** The Spirit of Christ, is His eternal function, was in the Old Testament prophets, making them clear concerning Christ coming to the New Testament believers to be the all-sufficient and unlimited grace of God's full salvation to them for their entry into the joy of the Lord in the kingdom age, which is the salvation of their souls. **D** The Spirit of Christ applies God's full salvation as grace to us by two instrumentalities: the prophesying of the Old Testament prophets and the preaching of the New Testament apostles. 1 Pet. 1:10 Concerning this salvation the prophets, who prophesied concerning the grace that was to come unto you, sought and searched diligently, 11 ...testifying beforehand of the sufferings of Christ... 12...but to you they ministered

these things, which have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven...

IV The grace on which the believers set their hope perfectly will be brought to them at the revelation of Jesus Christ: 1 Pet. 1:13 ... set your hope perfectly on the grace being brought to you as the revelation of Jesus Christ. **A** The grace being brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ refers to the salvation of the soul as the consummation of God's full salvation: **1** The grace given to us in Christ was bestowed on us before the world began. 2 Tim. 1:9 ...and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages. **2** God, who was in the beginning, became flesh in time as grace for man to receive, possess, and enjoy. **3** The processed Triune God, who has been consummated as the all-inclusive, life-giving, and indwelling Spirit, has become the Spirit of grace with our spirit. **B** Day by day we should be open vessels to be continual receivers of grace and set our hope wholly and perfectly on this grace.

V Grace with God in 1 Peter 2:19-20 refers to the motivation of the divine life within us and its expression in our living, which becomes in our behavior gracious and acceptable in the eyes of both man and God: 1 Pet. 2:20 For what glory is it if, while sinning and being buffeted, you endure? But if, while doing good and suffering, you endure, this is grace with God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model so that you may follow in His steps; **A** Grace as the processed Triune God for our enjoyment becomes our inward motivation and outward expression in our intimate fellowship with God and our consciousness of God; we all have to learn how to have grace, which is to take grace, possess grace, use grace, and apply grace. **B** The processed Triune God as grace received and enjoyed by us becomes visibly expressed for others to see in our holy living and church meetings. **C** We have been called to enjoy and express Christ as grace in the midst of sufferings so that we may become a reproduction, a Xerox copy, of Christ as our model, according to His God-man living.

VI The grace of life is the inheritance of all the believers, whether strong or weak: 1 Pet. 3:7 Husbands, in like manner dwell together with them according to knowledge, as with the

weaker, female vessel, assigning honor to them as also to fellow heirs of the grace of life...

A The grace of life is God as life and life supply to us in His Divine Trinity—the Father as the source of life, the Son as the course of life, and the Spirit as the flow of life, who flows within us, with the Son and the Father, as grace to us.

B We are heirs to inherit the grace of life and vessels to contain the grace of life.

VII The varied grace of God indicates the riches of the grace of God in its varieties ministered by the saints one to another: 1 Pet. 4:10 Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God. **A** The varied grace of God is the rich supply of life, which is the Triune God ministered into us in many aspects.

B We need to be good stewards of the varied grace of God, speaking the words of grace as the oracles of God and ministering out of the strength and power of grace, which God supplies.

VIII God gives grace to the humble, but He resists the proud: 1 Pet. 5:5 In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. **A** In the church life all of us need to gird ourselves with humility toward one another so that we may enjoy God as the Grace-giver. **B** Humility saves us from all kinds of destruction and invites God's grace, whereas pride makes us a top fool. **C** We must be willing to be made humble, lowly, under the mighty hand of God in His discipline and to throw our life with its care upon God, because He cares for us lovingly and faithfully.

IX "The God of all grace"—who has called the believers into His eternal glory—perfects, establishes, strengthens, and grounds them through their sufferings (1 Pet. 5:10); this "all grace" is the "true grace of God," (12) into which the believers should enter and in which they stand.

X The true grace of God is the grace in which, together with the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the believers should grow unto His glory both now and unto the day of eternity; this is the concluding word of the apostle Peter's writings, indicating that whatever he has written is of, in, by, and through the grace of God.

CP1 Deal with cultural and religious concepts and experience the multiplication of grace

II The multiplication of grace is the grace that multiplies in our daily life in the full knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; the grace of God in His economy is rich, multiplying, and abounding:

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1 Pet. 1:2 Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the Spirit unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

Grace is unlimited just as God is unlimited. When we were regenerated, we received God into us, but we had only a small amount of God. Gradually, as God increases within us through the years, we will be weighty with the measure of God. This is because God as grace will be increased in us.

With the thought of multiplied grace as the base, Peter goes on to speak in 1 Peter 4:10 of varied grace: "Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God." We all should be good stewards of what Peter calls varied grace, grace in different aspects and of different categories.

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground you.

Peter mentions grace again in 5:10, where he speaks of the God of all grace. ... The grace of life is being multiplied in us. Then it becomes the varied grace and eventually, the all grace. As a result, we do not have grace just from one direction, but from many directions, for example, from the heavens and from the earth, from our husband or wife, and from our children. The more children we have, the more aspects of grace we shall experience. If you have four children, you will enjoy grace in four aspects. But if you have more children, you will enjoy more aspects of grace.

Application to young people, college students, new ones

Testimony I was saved right after I entered college. After my salvation, I first experienced Christ in the aikido club as the reality of concentration, courage, and athletic ability. Because I had tasted Christ subjectively, the burden to preach the gospel rose up, and I actively preached the gospel. I experienced Christ as the prayer, life, and power for preaching of the gospel. However, since I was not a good student, I was bound by a homemade religious concept that it was difficult to experience Christ in my studies. However, when I decided to go to graduate school and was forced to study, I was able to experience Christ for the first time as the power of understanding, concentration, perseverance, and persistence in my studies. At this point, I felt a little, "Perhaps my own concepts are restricting the increasing grace of Christ?" But being insensitive, I did not pay much attention to this important issue. But the Lord did not leave me as I was. When I graduated from graduate school and participated in the Full Time Training in Taipei, my religious concepts were exposed and enlightened every day. I prayed often as follows, "Lord Jesus, I thought I was experiencing Christ, but for the most part it was an experience according to my cultural and religious concept, not an experience of Christ. There is a book by brother Lee called Christ vs. Religion. Religion is not a relative of Christ, but a trap of Satan to oppose Christ. I cannot enjoy Christ as an increasing grace unless I am saved from my religious concepts. Lord, please dig out my religious concepts." I can testify that God's grace toward me has been greatly increased by this exposure and the prayer of confession at the training. From that moment on, I began to train, hoping to always be open to the Lord.

As I began to train in this way, I realized that there were layers of religious concepts within me. Even if one layer of religious concepts is removed, another layer is exposed after a while. Since this was happening again and again, I knew that there was nothing I could do unless the Lord had mercy on me, so I prayed as followed, "Lord, help me to rely on Your mercy

and keep me always open to You!" This prayer continues to this day in 2022.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, my cultural and religious concepts are layers of veil that greatly hinder the experience of the multiplication of grace. Lord, have mercy on me. These concepts were replacing the experience of Christ. Let me recognize and experience that just as God is not limited, grace is not limited. Let me be a vessel that relies on Your mercy and always remain open to You.

CP2 Enjoying and expressing Christ as grace in the midst of suffering, becoming a reproduction, a xerox copy of Christ, the model

VA Grace as the processed Triune God for our enjoyment becomes our inward motivation and outward expression in our intimate fellowship with God and our consciousness of God; we all have to learn how to have grace, which is to take grace, possess grace, use grace, and apply grace. **C** We have been called to enjoy and express Christ as grace in the midst of sufferings so that we may become a reproduction, a xerox copy, of Christ as our model, according to His God-man living. [1 Pet. 2:19-21](#) ...This is grace, if anyone, because of a consciousness of God, bears sorrows by suffering unjustly. [20](#) For what glory is it if, while sinning and being buffeted, you endure? But if, while doing good and suffering, you endure, this is grace with God. [21](#) For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model so that you may follow in His steps.

In 1 Peter 2:19 and 20... Peter is saying that if, because of a consciousness of God, we are willing to bear sorrows and suffer unjustly, that is, suffer unjust treatment, this is grace. The Greek word rendered "grace" in verse 19 is "charis", referring here to the motivation of the divine life within us and its expression in our life, becoming in our behavior gracious and acceptable in the eyes of both man and God. [2:12](#) Having your manner of life excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the matter concerning which they speak against you as evildoers they may, by your good works, as

they see them with their own eyes, glorify God in the day of His visitation.

The grace and the model are closely related. When anyone observes the expression of the Triune God as grace from within a believer and recognizes that this is grace, there is an indication that this one has become a xerox copy of Christ, the model. To express the Triune God as grace in the midst of unjust suffering is to become a reproduction of Christ. Therefore, instead of saying, "This is grace," it is possible to say, "This is a reproduction of Christ." The manner of life that expresses the processed Triune God as grace is not only grace—it is a reproduction of Christ.

Application to business person/ graduate students

Testimony 1 One hot summer day, one sister and I went out to preach the gospel and walked around for two hours, but people didn't respond well and we were both tired. At this moment, there was a feeling inside me that I needed to take care of my partner sister first, so I said to her "let's pray together." We prayed and read again the Word that we enjoyed before we went out. Then, strangely, fatigue turned to joy. Then we met a gospel friend we had often met on the street before. That day, she happened to finish work early and was on her way home. We invited her to a nearby meeting hall and took her there. When we entered the meeting hall, the brothers and sisters were singing hymn 497. I was moved to sing the third stanza of that hymn, "Tis by this grace-the Lord experienced-That he surpassed the others in the race" Yes, it is the Lord's grace that we labor for Him. Thank the Lord, we were filled with His love to preach the gospel, and she was baptized and saved immediately.

Testimony 2 I had been treated unreasonably several times at the former company I used to work. For example, when a problem arises, my supervisor will blame only me for it. Of course, if it is really my fault, I should take responsibility for it, but some things have been forced upon me that are clearly outside the range of my responsibility. There are two patterns of reaction to such a situation. The first is to lash out in anger and fight back against the supervisor, which is clearly a situation of

walking in the old man according to the flesh. The second is to return to the spirit, take a bird's eye view of the situation, and focus on solving the problem without being swayed by temporary feelings of anger. In this case, the key is to solve the problem. By becoming one spirit with God, I returned to the spirit and took a bird's eye view of the situation, reaffirmed that expressing my emotions here would not produce any benefit, and focused only on solving the problem. By doing so, the problem was solved, and my supervisor trusted me more than before. Walking according to the flesh is not what God wants me to do, and it also exhausts me. On the other hand, when I set my mind on the spirit and think and act, God was pleased, I had peace in myself, and as a result, I was able to achieve results in my work.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, even in the midst of unjust suffering, it is for me to enjoy the Triune God as grace, to be motivated and to express Christ, to be His reproduction. The manner of life that expresses the processed Triune God as grace is not only grace —it is to be a reproduction of Christ. Let me learn how to gain grace, which is to take grace, possess grace, use grace, and apply grace.