## **SOLA GRATIA** 1 PETER 5:10-12; EPH. 2:1-10

Amazing Grace Lyrics	
Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,	The Lord has promised good to me,
That saved a wretch like me.	His word my hope secures.
I once was lost but now I'm found,	He will my shield and portion be,
Was blind, but now, I see.	as long as life endures.
T'was Grace that taught, my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved. How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.	We've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we've first begun.
Through many dangers, toils and snares,	Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
I have already come.	That saved a wretch like me.
Tis Grace has brought me safe thus far,	I once was lost but now am found,
and Grace will lead us home.	Was blind, but now, I see.

## Sola gratia: by grace alone and grace all along!

Most "Christian" groups use the word grace. Obviously not all in the same way. **Liberals:** Use it as a religious word – without much meaning.

**<u>Roman Catholics & cults:</u>** God adds a little to your good works  $\rightarrow$  to get you over the top. Often, grace is something that must be merited ... <u>or</u> borrowed from the superabundance of a saint.

**Evangelicals:** unmerited favor (very good as far as it goes) that makes salvation possible (free)

# **Sola Gratia:** God's unmerited favor, activity & intervention on your behalf (before, during, after, & forever!)

## I. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved!

<u>Ephesians 2:4</u> But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, <u>Ephesians 2:5</u> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

**Ephesians 2:8** For **by grace** are ye saved **through faith**; and that **not** of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Ephesians 2:9 Not** of works, lest any man should boast.

<u>Acts 13:48</u> And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

<u>Acts 16:14</u> And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: **whose** heart the Lord opened, <u>that</u> she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

<u>Acts 18:27</u> And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much **which had believed** <u>through</u> grace:

#### Acts 15:11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

<u>Acts 20:24</u> But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

## <u>2 Thessalonians 2:16</u> Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope <u>through</u> grace,

<u>**Titus 2:11**</u> For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, <u>**Titus 2:12**</u> Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; <u>**Titus 2:13**</u> Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

<u>2 Timothy 1:9</u> Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, <u>not</u> according to our works, <u>but</u> according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, <u>2 Timothy 1:10</u> But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

#### Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

<u>Galatians 1:15</u> But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, <u>Romans 11:5</u> Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. <u>Romans 11:6</u> And <u>if</u> by grace, <u>then</u> is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, <u>then</u> is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

## II. Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead us home!

<u>1 Corinthians 15:10</u> But <u>by</u> the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

<u>Hebrews 4:16</u> Let us therefore come boldly unto **the throne of grace**, that we may obtain **mercy**, and find **grace** to help in time of need.

<u>1 Peter 4:10</u> As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold (ποικίλης χάριτος θεοῦ) grace of God.

<u>1 Peter 1:6</u> Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through **manifold temptations** (ποικίλοις πειρασμοῖς):

<u>1 Peter 5:10</u> But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. <u>1 Peter 5:11</u> To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. <u>1 Peter 5:12</u> By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

<u>Acts 20:32</u> And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

<u>Acts 14:3</u> Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

<u>Acts 13:43</u> Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them <u>to continue</u> in the grace of God. <u>Acts 15:40</u> And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren <u>unto</u> the grace of God.

<u>2 Corinthians 12:9</u> And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee:** for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

#### So, what do we find?

- > The God of all grace
- > Grace that is sufficient
- Grace that makes me who & what I am!
- > Grace that continues and not merely begins!

## The manifold | multi-dimensional grace that matches perfectly our manifold | multi-dimensional trials &...!

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### > The Throne of grace

### > The Word of His grace

### > This is the true grace of God!

<b>Romans 1:7</b> To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: <b>Grace to you</b> and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.	<b>Romans 16:20</b> And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. <b>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.</b>
<u><b>1</b> Corinthians 1:3</u> Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.	<u>1 Corinthians 16:23</u> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
<u>2 Corinthians 1:2</u> Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.	<u><b>2</b> Corinthians 13:14</u> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.
Galatians 1:3 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,	Galatians 6:18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.
<b>Ephesians 1:2</b> Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.	<u>Ephesians 6:24</u> Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.
<b>Philippians 1:2</b> Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.	<b><u>Philippians 4:23</u></b> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
<b>Colossians 1:2</b> To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: <b>Grace be unto you</b> , and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.	Colossians 4:18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.
<u><b>1</b> Thessalonians 1:1</u> Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: <b>Grace be unto you,</b> and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.	<b><u>1 Thessalonians 5:28</u></b> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.
<u><b>2</b> Thessalonians 1:2</u> Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.	<u>2 Thessalonians 3:18</u> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
<u><b>1 Timothy 1:2</b></u> Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: <b>Grace</b> , mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.	<u><b>1 Timothy 6:21</b></u> Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.
<b><u>2 Timothy 1:2</u></b> To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: <b>Grace</b> ,	2 Timothy 4:22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace

mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.	be with you. Amen.
<u><b>Titus 1:4</b></u> To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: <b>Grace</b> , mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.	<u><b>Titus 3:15</b></u> All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. <b>Grace be with you all.</b> Amen.
Philemon 3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.	<b><u>Philemon 25</u></b> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with <b>your spirit.</b> Amen.
<u>James 4:6</u> But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.	
	Hebrews 13:25 Grace be with you all. Amen.
<b><u>1 Peter 1:2</u></b> Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: <b>Grace unto you</b> , and peace, be multiplied.	<b><u>1 Peter 5:12</u></b> By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying <b>that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand</b> .
<b><u>2 Peter 1:2</u></b> Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,	<b><u>2 Peter 3:18</u></b> But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.
<b>Revelation 1:4</b> John to the seven churches which are in Asia: <b>Grace be unto you</b> , and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;	<u>Revelation 22:21</u> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

## III. We've no less days to sing God's praise|grace, than when we've first begun!

**Ephesians 1:7** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, **according to the riches of his grace**; **Ephesians 1:12** That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

**Ephesians 1:14** Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, **unto the praise of his glory.** 

<u>Ephesians 2:7 That</u> in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.