

EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE, Part 2

I. UNDERSTANDING GRACE

- Grace is God's favor, given freely without any work or merit.
- In the New Testament, the Greek word Charis means favor or kindness. It refers to God's generous and unconditional favor, given freely to us, without regard for our actions of worthiness.
- Grace is rooted in God's character, showing His love and mercy to humanity. The greatest expression of this truth is revealed in salvation – a reality-based solely on God's grace.
 - Ephesians 2:8-9

II. EXPERIENCING GRACE IN WEAKNESS AND TRIALS

- In life's most challenging moments, we often discover that God's grace will strengthen, sustain, and shape us, even in our struggles.
- The following scriptural examples highlight our point:
 1. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
 2. Hebrews 4:15-16
 - Sympathize – Sympasthein – _____; _____

 - Jesus shares in our weaknesses; He can relate to our weaknesses because He faced human struggles and temptations as we do!

_____!! And this is what gives believers
_____ with trust and
openness.

- **Throne of Grace** – the imagery suggests a place of _____
_____ where God's grace (_____) is
abundantly available to those _____.
It symbolizes God's _____ combined
with His _____.
- **We are invited to approach this throne boldly, knowing that**
_____ to us with compassion
and support.
- **Receive Mercy; Find Grace**
 - **Mercy addresses our sins; they have already been**
_____ the blood of Jesus. We deserve
punishment. All we have to do is receive His mercy.
 - **Grace according to the text, is something we find –**
heurisko – to come upon something of _____
through _____; _____
_____.
 - **We should actively _____ God's _____**
_____ to help us in our time
of need.
 - **Grace to help – boetheia – _____.**
While mercy clears our past, grace _____
to face present trials and future challenges. This _____
_____ to live out our calling and walk in victory
despite our difficulties.

- _____ is the God of the throne of Grace. This passage serves as a reminder to us that our Savior is _____ and because of that we can:

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