



Progression of Grace

Stage 3

STRENGTHENED BY GRACE

"But GROW in the GRACE and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

"The Lord said, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" 2 Corinthians 12:9

This stage of being "**Strengthened by Grace**" comes quickly and naturally right after one is "**Saved by Grace**." With Jesus (*Matthew 3:13-4:11*), the Apostle Paul (*Acts 9:17-30*), and most all of us, it has been proven over and over that soon after a person is saved, Satan will attack this new-found faith and lifestyle. But, God's grace does not stop at salvation, as exhilarating as it is, but only gets better and more powerful as life goes on! It brings the power of grace to your life as long as you experience trials, temptations, and tribulations. It has the power to not only sustain us, but to empower us for a **greater and growing** faith and effective service in God's kingdom! Again, it is the **gift** of God!

1. GOD'S GRACE "GIVES" US _____ AND _____.

- "I can do all things through him who **strengthens** me." *Philippians 4:13*
- "My **grace is sufficient** for you, for my **power** is made perfect in weakness...I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the **power of Christ** may dwell in me." *2 Corinthians 12:9*
- "...according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with power** through His Spirit..." *Ephesians 3:14,16*
- "Let us approach the **throne of grace** with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and **find grace** to help us in our time of need." *Hebrews 4:16*
- "...God is faithful and **will not allow you** to be tempted beyond what you are able...to endure." *1 Cor. 10:13*

Here's a good test: "I _____" or "I _____"?

2. GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT TO STRENGTHEN YOU IN THE FOLLOWING:

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| • Power to overcome our _____ | <i>2 Corinthians 12:7-10</i> |
| • Delivers us in times of _____ | <i>1 Corinthians 10:13</i> |
| • Directs us in our _____ | <i>Jeremiah 10:23</i> |
| • Helps us to never be _____ | <i>Hebrews 13:6</i> |
| • Comforts us in our _____ | <i>2 Corinthians 1:3-4</i> |
| • Assures us of our _____ | <i>1 John 1:7, 5:13</i> |
| • Helps us to always _____ | <i>James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3</i> |
| • Gives us at the end a _____ | <i>2 Timothy 4:6-8; James 1:12</i> |

3. HOW DOES GOD'S GRACE STRENGTHEN (TEACH) US? *"For the **grace of God** has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It **teaches us** to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age." Titus 2:11-12*

- 1) It teaches us by the _____. *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32*
- 2) It teaches us by life _____. *"In this world you will have trouble..." John 16:13*
(Job lost his children, health and livelihood; Ruth lost her husband; Peter lost his courage; Paul had his thorn)

***"Thru many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.
Grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."***