



Progression of Grace

Stage 6

SUPREMACY OF GRACE

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

*"Set your **hope on the grace** to be **brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.**" 1 Peter 1:13*

From Genesis 1:1 ("In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.") to the last words in the Bible in Revelation 22:20-21 ("Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen."), the theme of the Scriptures is the Love of God extended to us by the "Gift of Grace". This gift is supreme in every way imaginable! **We desperately need:**

Salvation – to escape eternal death
Strength – to live victoriously
Spirituality (Shaping) – to be fruitful
Security – to walk in confidence

And God the Father graciously gives:

Jesus His Son – John 3:16
His Holy Spirit – Ephesians 3:16; 1:13-14
His Holy Character – Ephesians 4:24; 2 Peter 1:3
His Love and Forgiveness – 1 John 4:16

1. THE SUPREMACY OF GRACE IS THE "GIFT" OF _____!

- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23
 - Is the gift here "eternal life"?
 - Is the gift here a relationship with the God of the Universe?
 - And your answer is? _____
- Note in the two columns in the Introduction the presence of the Godhead is every aspect of Grace.
- 2 Corinthians 6:16-18
 Ephesians 4:24 – "...**created to be like God** in true righteousness and holiness."
 2 Peter 1:3-4 – "His **divine power** has given us everything we need for a godly life...that we may participate in the **divine nature**..."
 Ephesians 3:20 – "Now to him who is able to immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine **according to his power that is at work with us.**"

2. THE SUPREMACY OF GRACE IS THE "GIFT" OF _____!

2 Pet. 1:3-9 – "...into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This **inheritance is kept in heaven for you**...for you are receiving **the end result of your faith**, the salvation of your souls."

2 Pet. 5:10-11 – "And the **God of all grace**, who called you **to his eternal glory** in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself **restore you** and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen."

A word picture that humans can understand and relate to is given in Revelation for a place that is indescribable in human terms – a place where there is no sin, no struggles, no pain, no suffering, no wars, no hatred, no racism, no abuse, no addictions, no heartaches, no persecution, no lying, no deceit, no more death, and the list goes on... Revelation 21:3-7; 21:22-27; 22:1-5; 22:17; 22:20-21

3. CLOSING: THREE RESPONSES TO GRACE (how you process grace in your life)

- 1) If we _____ His grace, we will be motivated by fear, guilt and judgment.
- 2) If we _____ His grace, we will be soft on doctrine, weak in obedience, and excuse sins.
- 3) If we _____ His grace, we will reflect it to the world and live with sacrifice and service!

2 Corinthians 9:12-15 "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"