**GRACE WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT**

 **Ephesians 2:7-8**: “…in order that in the coming ages He might display the surpassing riches of His grace, demonstrated by His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8[**For it is**](https://biblehub.com/greek/1063.htm)[**by grace**](https://biblehub.com/greek/5485.htm)[**you have been**](https://biblehub.com/greek/1510.htm)[**saved**](https://biblehub.com/greek/4982.htm)[**through**](https://biblehub.com/greek/1223.htm)[**faith,**](https://biblehub.com/greek/4102.htm)[**and**](https://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm)[**this**](https://biblehub.com/greek/3778.htm) **not from** [**not**](https://biblehub.com/greek/3756.htm)[**from**](https://biblehub.com/greek/1537.htm)[**yourselves;**](https://biblehub.com/greek/4771.htm)[**it is the**](https://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm)[**gift**](https://biblehub.com/greek/1435.htm)[**of God,**](https://biblehub.com/greek/2316.htm)**9not by works, so that no one can boast.”**

 The word “grace”: Yes, “grace” is the name of a pagan goddess, as is “holy,” and other words in the English language. What does it mean in Hebrew and in Greek?

Strong’s Concordance # “grace” in the Greek language: Charis. #5485 in the Greek Concordance: “grace, as a gift or blessing brought to man by Jesus Christ, (b) favor, (c) gratitude, thanks, (d) a favor, kindness.” xáris ("grace") answers directly to the Hebrew (OT) Term [2580](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/2580.htm) /Kaná ("grace, extension-toward"). **Both refer to God freely extending Himself** (His favor, grace), reaching (inclining) to people because He is disposed to bless (be near) them. of mild and tolerant [disposition](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/disposition) or effect: not harsh, severe, or strict lenient laws a lenient attitude leniently exerting a soothing or easing influence: **relieving pain or stress of punishment, mercy.**

 Yahuwah applies grace by His wisdom and foreknowledge, as He sees the intent of the mind and will. Grace is applied by Yahuwah’s wisdom. He is NOT lenient on someone who willfully sins against Him, repents out of religiosity or fear, yet knowing that they will continue to sin against Him. He is merciful, but He is not gullible. He says always to us: “Go and sin no more.”

 **John 8:10-11**: Then Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you?” 11[`No one,](https://biblehub.com/greek/3762.htm) [Lord,’](https://biblehub.com/greek/2962.htm) [she answered.](https://biblehub.com/greek/2036.htm)

`[Then neither](https://biblehub.com/greek/3761.htm) [do I](https://biblehub.com/greek/1473.htm) [condemn](https://biblehub.com/greek/2632.htm) [you,’](https://biblehub.com/greek/4771.htm)[Jesus](https://biblehub.com/greek/2424.htm) [declared.](https://biblehub.com/greek/2036.htm) `[Now](https://biblehub.com/greek/575.htm) [go](https://biblehub.com/greek/4198.htm) [and](https://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [sin](https://biblehub.com/greek/264.htm) [no more.’”](https://biblehub.com/greek/3371.htm)

 Grace is NOT tolerance of sin, or allowance of a continuation of sin. Repentance must be the end of the sin repented of. We sin in many ways against the Master, against His Word, His nature, ways, and thinking. When we totally give ourselves to Him to change us in all ways by His Spirit from within, we say “NO” to ourself when our mind, emotions, and lusts of the flesh rise up within us. We strengthen our spirit with His Word flooding our mind.

 We must take on a “Holy Fear” of offending the One who has pardoned us, and His Son who died to remove or sin. Messiah did not die so that we could be forgiven then return to sin over and over. By the Word, prayer, and praise, and strong desire – we press into “blamelessness.” We can be without blame before Him. The Spirit of Yahuwah is given to us for many things – one of which is to convict us of sin. If He convicts, and our spirit is sensitive to Him, we immediately repent and take action to stop the sin – a sin of the mind, emotions, and/or body.

 **GRACE IS YAHUWAH’S REMOVAL OF THE PENALTY OF SIN, ALLOWING FORGIVENESS, ERASING THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD OF HIS SON WHO TOOK OUR SIN ON HIMSELF AND DIED WITH IT - TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIS FATHER TO REMOVE SIN FROM US WHO TRUST IN THE SON’S SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH FOR US**. **HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD TO SECURE ETERNAL LIFE FOR ALL WHO TRUST IN HIS SALVATION. THE SON’S NAME IS COMES FROM HIS FATHER’S NAME: YAHUSHUA, MEANING “YAHUWAH IS SALVATION.”**

 YET if sin willfully continues in a person who has had their sin washed away in the blood of the Lamb of God, Yahushua, judgment naturally ensures - first in the natural realm of the soul (Mind, emotions, reasoning, will) then in the body and finally in the realm of the eternal spirit – eternal judgment and punishment in the lake of fire. With Grace applied – forgiveness applied by the Judge – the admonition is: “Go and sin no more.” Sin draws the realm of the fallen angels and demonic spirits to take over and person’s mind, emotions, will, and their body, and finally their eternal soul – if there is no repentance.

 **\*Grace is Yahuwah’s forgiveness and removal of judgment, but it is NOT a license to return to that sin, or harsher judgment will incur. If it is not stopped the final judgment will take place – eternal damnation.**

**Grace, therefore, is Yahuwah’s forgiveness – but it sure is not a license to continue in sin. Sin must be stopped. It begins with repentance – real repentance**.

 Grace is not for “God, I’m sorry” lightness. Receiving His forgiveness has to be a finality of sin. It can’t be an “I’m sorry” and then a continuation of it. Yahuwah may accept that routine for a short time, but He has to step in and correct His child and or the human race as a whole overall. He is now in judgment stance, as in the days of Noah, and in the days of Lot. He does not want His born-again children who are saved by the blood of His Son to have their names erased from the Book of Life. But there is a point, when He can no longer tolerate rebellion. He is a good Father. How long does a good father in the natural realm tolerate a rebellious child before that child is disciplined?

 Yahuwah disciplines us so that we do not continue in sin. Sometimes that discipline has to be very hard on a rebellious, stubborn child. It is only a Father’s love that He disciplines.

 **I Peter 4:16-18**: “But if you suffer as a born-again believer, do not be ashamed, but glorify God that you bear that name. 17[For it is](https://biblehub.com/greek/3754.htm) [time for](https://biblehub.com/greek/2540.htm) [judgment](https://biblehub.com/greek/2917.htm) [to begin](https://biblehub.com/greek/756.htm) [with](https://biblehub.com/greek/575.htm) [the](https://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [family](https://biblehub.com/greek/3624.htm) [of God;](https://biblehub.com/greek/2316.htm) [and](https://biblehub.com/greek/1161.htm) [if](https://biblehub.com/greek/1487.htm) [it begins](https://biblehub.com/greek/4412.htm) [with](https://biblehub.com/greek/575.htm) [us,](https://biblehub.com/greek/1473.htm) [what will](https://biblehub.com/greek/5101.htm) [the](https://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [outcome be](https://biblehub.com/greek/5056.htm) [for those who](https://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [disobey](https://biblehub.com/greek/544.htm) [the](https://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [gospel](https://biblehub.com/greek/2098.htm) [of God?](https://biblehub.com/greek/2316.htm) 18And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”…

 **Revelation 3:19-23, Amplified**: Yahuwah’s admonition to the lukewarm, the assembly of Laodicea: “Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I rebuke and discipline [showing them their faults and instructing them]; so be enthusiastic and **repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God’s will**].”

 **Hebrews 12:1-11**: “[1](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-1.htm)Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-2.htm)looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. [**3**](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-3.htm)**Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.**[**4**](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-4.htm)**In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.**[**5**](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-5.htm)**And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.** [**6**](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-6.htm)**For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.** [**7**](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-7.htm)**It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?**[**8**](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-8.htm)**If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.**[**9**](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-9.htm)**Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?**[**10**](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-10.htm)**For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.**[**11**](http://biblehub.com/hebrews/12-11.htm)**For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**

 He disciplines us so that we can walk in His ways of peace, in right-standing with our Father. It is His love for us. He is a good Father, but He must discipline and judge His Household. Names are being erased now from the Book of Life because His children have turned from He and His Son to serving the lies of Satan.

 **Revelation 20:12** (Amplified) “And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is *the Book* of Life; and the dead were judged according to what they had done as written in the books [that is, everything done while on earth].”

 Initially, judgment contains grace – as for a new believer, a new saved one.

They must grow in understanding that they have NOT received a religion into their mind, but a Person into their eternal Spirit – the Person of Yahuwah. This is why the baptism into the Spirit of **Acts 2** is as for today as it was on the “day of Pentecost” after Messiah was raised from the dead on the Feast of First Fruits, following His death just before the beginning of the Feast of Passover. Without receiving His Spirit within, He cannot deal with us directly – as a Father, as one who loves us and desires our love and our friendship. He cannot convict as He desires if a person considers their salvation to be merely a religious acceptance.

 So for sure, His grace/unmerited favor because He loves us, is NOT something to be taken lightly. He is patient. He knows our weaknesses. Yet, we must live up to His standards required to enter His Kingdom. Yahuwah is the Spirit Himself, the “Holy Spirit” Himself is Yahuwah, i.e. clarified in **II Corinthians 3:17-18**, and **John 17**. There is a Father, who is Spirit, the Spirit, and there is a Son, who was brought forth out of the innermost being of the Father to take form.

 Eventually, sin brings eternal death. Messiah said that if we deny Him before others, there is no more salvation. (**Matthew 10**) If we continue in sin, He has to convict, then punish, then punish more – but eventually there is a line crossed, and He must remove names from the Book of life.

 **II Corinthians 5:10, Amplified**: 10 For we [believers will be called to account and] must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be repaid for what has been done in the body, whether good or bad [that is, each will be held responsible for his actions, purposes, goals, motives—the use or misuse of his time, opportunities and abilities].

 We live in a world of deep sin! We must give no tolerance for sin in our lives – sins of the body’s lusts, sins of the mind, sins of the emotions. This means attitudes towards others too – attitudes about ourself. We must see ourselves as Yahuwah sees us, not as we see us. We must see others as He sees them, not as we see them. We must evaluate our attitudes as He sees things, not as we see them. Being unforgiving when He is forgiving is a great violation of His Fatherhood.

 **Matthew 18:21-35**: [21](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-21.htm)Then Peter came up and said to him, `Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’

[22](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-22.htm)Jesus said to him, `I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.’

[23](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-23.htm) Therefore the Kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. [24](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-24.htm)When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. [25](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-25.htm)And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. [26](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-26.htm)So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ [27](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-27.htm)And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. [28](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-28.htm)But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denari and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ [29](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-29.htm)So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ [30](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-30.htm)He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. [31](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-31.htm)When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. [32](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-32.htm)Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. [33](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-33.htm)And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ [34](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-34.htm)And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. [35](http://biblehub.com/matthew/18-35.htm)So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

 **Romans 12: 14-21:** [**14**](https://biblehub.com/romans/12-14.htm)Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. [**15**](https://biblehub.com/romans/12-15.htm)Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. [**16**](https://biblehub.com/romans/12-16.htm)*Be* of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. [**17**](https://biblehub.com/romans/12-17.htm)Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. [**18**](https://biblehub.com/romans/12-18.htm)If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. [**19**](https://biblehub.com/romans/12-19.htm)Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. [**20**](https://biblehub.com/romans/12-20.htm)Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. [**21**](https://biblehub.com/romans/12-21.htm)Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good.

 \*\*\*Because we have had grace (“unmerited favor”) extended to us, **it is a great sin to hold judgment and hostility towards others.** If we have been forgiving, we must, like our Elohim (Father and Son) be forgiving. We have been forgiven hundreds to thousands of sins – from thoughts to actions – yet people hold grudges against others, complain, gossip, criticize, and pass judgment. This is a great sin against the One who has given us grace, unmerited favor, and released us from His anger at us.

 Yahuwah hates sin! Messiah Yahushua hates sin! *I John* gives us a shocking statement: **I John 3:2-8**: Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3](http://biblehub.com/1_john/3-3.htm)And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. [4](http://biblehub.com/1_john/3-4.htm)Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. [5](http://biblehub.com/1_john/3-5.htm)You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. [**6**](http://biblehub.com/1_john/3-6.htm)**No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him**. [**7**](http://biblehub.com/1_john/3-7.htm)**Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.**[**8**](http://biblehub.com/1_john/3-8.htm)**Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”**

 **Grace is not a religious concept.** **Ephesians 2:5**, Amplified: “Even when we were [spiritually] dead and separated from Him because of our sins, He made us [spiritually] alive together with Christ (**for by His grace—His undeserved favor and mercy—you have been saved from God’s judgment).** It is by grace that we are saved, not of ourselves. Without His mercy and graciousness, we cannot be redeemed, we are hell-bound. His Son’s taking our place on the stake/pole in death, was the ultimate grace, the ultimate love for us. To take it lightly is damnation. There is so much in the Word about His merciful love for us. He knows we are flesh and open to attack from the enemy. But, once we realize how great His goodness is towards us, we won’t want to continue in sin. We receive His grace and are so grateful for it, we do all we can to change our course – mentally and emotionally and in our will – and physically.

 Even His judgment contains grace **until** He cannot apply grace anymore -no one will receive it. This causes damnation. **Hebrews 6:4-6** mirrors lots of other Scripture. We must have set-apart, “Holy” Fear, or ever offending Him by studying His Word to align to His requirements for salvation and for our progress into the Kingdom of Elohim, eternal life. It is not a religion – it is reality. Know Yahuwah! Know Yahushua! - Whom to know is life eternal!!!

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