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GRACE

The word “grace” can have many different meanings. Some people pray before a meal and call it “grace”. Other use the word for someone that is not clumsy, they are “graceful”. It also is given if you are late on a debt and can’t pay right away. You are given “grace” until you can meet the obligation.

The word grace in the Greek is “*charis*.” It is defined as the divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life including *acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, liberality, pleasure, and thank(s) worthy*. Many simply say it is God’s unlimited favor.

Grace is a gift. It cannot be earned. It comes from God and is imparted to us that have fallen short of the glory of God when we receive salvation. Without this grace, we would have a future without God. Because of this gift of grace (that we do not deserve because of our sin) we are reconciled to Almighty God and given the gift of eternal life.

We should never take this gift lightly. It cost Jesus everything to bestow this gift upon us. Thus, we should bestow it on others too. When loved ones, friends, and even those in ministry fail, we must give them the “grace” to be forgiven.

Grace is a gift that must be shared. Don’t bottle it up. Let it flow out of you into others and bring this “gift” of “grace to those that truly need it.