

# GRACE: What? Why? Where?

## Introduction:

- A. "Grace to you..." (*Eph 1:1-10*).
- B. What is your soul's greatest need? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (*John 1:14*).
- C. The aim of God's book is to inform and invite me to appreciate and respond to God's grace.

## I. GRACE: WHAT is it?

- A. That which gives \_\_\_\_\_, pleasure or delight (the most basic idea behind the Greek word *charis*).  
Used in the New Testament in this context in reference to speech (*Luke 4:22; Col 4:6; Eph 4:29*).
- B. Good-will, lovingkindness, \_\_\_\_\_. Used of God toward people that is unmerited (*Eph 2:4-9*).
- C. A spiritual state or \_\_\_\_\_ in which I am enjoying God's favor (*Rom 5:1-2; 1 Pet 5:12*).
- D. An expression of \_\_\_\_\_ for the undeserved favor of God (*1 Tim 1:12*).
- E. This cycle is exactly what we first read in *Ephesians 1:3-10*.

## II. GRACE: WHY do I need it?

- A. Because of the truth contained in *Romans 5:8* — I'm a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Because I'm a sinner "without \_\_\_\_\_" (*Rom 1:20*).

## III. GRACE: WHERE can I find it?

- A. "But God..." (*Eph 2:4-7*). God is the giver (*Eph 2:8*), we are the receivers (*2 Cor 6:1*).
- B. What must we do to receive God's gracious gift?
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ our sin, our alienation from God and the consequences (*Acts 2:37*).
  - 2. "\_\_\_\_\_ " is the first word in the answer of *Acts 2:38* (*Acts 11:18; Rom 1:5*).
  - 3. *Titus 3:4-7* speaks of \_\_\_\_\_ (*John 3:5; Acts 2:38-41*).
  - 4. Having received the gift of God, we respond to the call of God to "be holy and blameless before him" (*Eph 1:4*) = \_\_\_\_\_ living (*Rom 6:1-4; Titus 2:11-14*).

## Conclusion:

What do I find when I respond to the **truth** of God that testifies to the **grace** of God? The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (*Eph 1:2*). "Grace be with you."