

# GRACIOUS: Reflectors of God's Grace

## Introduction:

- A. In discussions of grace, our emphasis is often directed to one's initial response to the grace of God.
- B. After baptism, we must continually grow to see ourselves as living *in* the grace of God and reflecting his grace *to* others.

## I. Practically living *in* the grace of God

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 Thes 5:11-14*).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ (*James 2:1-13*).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 Thes 5:14*).
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Rom 15:14; Gal 6:2*).
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ speech (*Eph 4:29; 1 Pet 3:15*).
- F. Bearing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit (*Gal 5:22-23*).
- G. As those who have been saved *by* grace, we should live *in* these "graces" as reflectors of God's grace. God's goodness and grace *toward* us should be seen *in* us lest there be any danger of receiving the grace of God "*in vain*" (*2 Cor 6:1*).

## II. Specifically, all of this should lead me to ask some hard (but vitally important) questions:

- A. God is \_\_\_\_\_ toward me; am I \_\_\_\_\_ toward others (*Eph 4:30-5:1*)?
- B. God has \_\_\_\_\_ me; am I concerned with \_\_\_\_\_ others (*Eph 4:15*)?
- C. God promises to \_\_\_\_\_ me in time of need; am I \_\_\_\_\_ others (*Rom 12:9-13*)?
- D. God does not \_\_\_\_\_ me; am I \_\_\_\_\_ others (*Jude 20-23*)?

## Conclusion:

The whole idea is not simply to get out of sin and stay out of hell. The higher motivation of walking with Christ is to give what we receive (*Acts 20:35*). Recipients of mercy are to become dispensers of mercy.