

ARE YOU TRULY GROWING IN GRACE? Pt.1

A. The PRECEDENCE of Grace.

1. Grace is a basic _____ of God. (Ephesians 1:2, 6, 7)

2. God's dealings with man in this present _____ are characterized by the grace principle. (Ephesians 3:1-8)

3. God's grace is the basis of...
 - a. _____ (Romans 11:5-6)

 - b. _____ (Romans 3:24)

 - c. the _____ (Romans 6:14)

 - d. the believer's _____ (2 Thessalonians 2:16)

* Acts 20:24

B. The PATTERN of Grace. (Word usage)

1. It's DEFINITION.

a. Its *primary definition* _____

b. Its *secondary meaning* is _____

2. It's DISTRIBUTION.

- a. Number of occurrences: "grace" (170x); "charis" (154x). 26 times in the New Testament "charis" is not translated "grace."

b. As to Testament:

- Old Testament _ occurs 39x
- New Testament _ occurs 131x

Note: Though grace was present in the Old Testament, it is expanded and developed in the New Testament, obviously due to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

c. Pattern of appearances (N.T.)

- Non-Pauline writings - occurs 40x
- Pauline epistles - occurs 91x

Note: Paul's epistles especially define, describe, and develop the principles of grace, for that was his stewardship. (Ephesians 3:2)

d. Books where "charis" most appears: Romans (21x).

Note: Grace is mentioned in every one of Paul's epistles.

e. Books where "charis" is not found: Matthew, Mark, 1 John, 3 John.

C. The PROVISION of Grace.

1. The *source* of grace is _____. (1 Peter 5:10)
2. The *recipient* of grace is _____ (Titus 2:11), not _____. (1 Peter 1:10-12)
3. The *personification* of grace is _____. (John 1:14, 17)
4. The *ground* for grace is the _____ sacrifice of Christ. (Romans 3:25)
5. The *appropriation* of grace is through _____ alone in Christ _____. (Rom. 3:28)