



## **QA: If I Am Saved By Grace, What Else Need I Do?** by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

**QUESTION: "If I am saved by grace, what else need I do?"**

**ANSWER: Grace simply describes favor, desire to help!**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (**John 1:14-17**)

Grace through Moses' Law now is through Jesus Christ.

**1. "Grace and Truth" must stand together. Grace does not save without truth!**

Since Jesus was "full of grace and truth," the first time He taught in His home synagogue, "all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth." (**Luke 4:22**) His "gracious words" involved His reading Scripture (from **Isaiah 6:1-2**), and showing its application (**Luke 4:16-21**)! His words of grace were not offered apart from God's Word of truth.

**2. Paul preached the gospel established upon truth!**

a. The "grace of God" has appeared to all men:

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. (**Titus 2:11-12**)

The "grace of God" shows us that:

- (1) God's grace does not save apart from "teaching;"
- (2) It "has" appeared, past tense, which puts it in the same category with **Jude 3**, "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" or a completed revelation of God's Word on the subject;
- (3) And shows that "grace" is not a means of salvation without obeying the revealed method of obedience. In other words, praying for God's "grace" to be applied to a sinner without obedience is useless, for Jesus has told disciples to

“Preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”  
(**Mark 16:15-16**)

The “grace of God” will save no one who does not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ!

b. His desire was to finish...

... the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. (**Acts 20:24**)

He was surprised that the Galatians were “turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel” (**Galatians 1:6**). One separates from “the grace of God” who stands apart from the revealed Word of God!

c. Everytime he addressed brethren with “grace to you” (**Romans 1:7**; **1 Corinthians 1:3**; **2 Corinthians 1:2**; **Galatians 1:3**; **Ephesians 1:2**; **Philippians 1:2**; **Colossians 1:2**; **1 Thessalonians 1:1**; **2 Thessalonians 1:2**; **Philemon 3**), it was a reminder that the grace of God has taught us how to be saved.

### **3. In a world of wickedness, God’s grace showed Noah the way out.**

So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. (**Genesis 6:7-8**)

Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.  
(**Genesis 6:22**)

And he was saved by grace through faith!

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