

## Grace Speech

### Suffering, Obedience and Humility

Hebrews 5:8 *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*

1 Peter 5:10 *But the God of all grace (charis), who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle [you].*

1 Peter 2:21 *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*

2 Timothy 3:12 *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 *7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, **My grace (charis) is sufficient for thee:** for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

“Grace leads us upward toward the intended goal in order for us to enjoy the peace of the victory of the Lord through our lives.” (*Grace and Supplication*, Ron Crawford)

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Philippians 2:6-8 *6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Luke 2:40 *And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace (charis) of God was upon him.*

2 Peter 3:18 *But grow in grace (charis), and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

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## Grace (*charis*)

A term meaning to joyfully participate in an upward climb of promotion, deliverance or miraculous accomplishment. It is functioning by, through and with grace. It will lift the believer from their current place to a higher place in God and continues to advance and promote the believer through every state of development.

Grace enables us to move upward from the previous challenges and modes of existence into new places ordained of God. It is what God gives us so we can grow forward, enabling us to partner in the new thing God wants to do. It is a feminine noun, which means it must be embraced and acted upon. Grace requires our investment, as it is a progressive relationship between God and man. As we search for God at the Throne of Grace, we find grace in our time of need. Our time of need is when we recognize we are being called to a fresh positioning of sonship and cannot do it on our own. The root of *charis* is *chairō*, which means to rejoice and is formed from the combination of the visitation of grace and perfect timing (*kairos*). When the enemy is attacking and opposing our walk of faith, we must rejoice exceedingly. To rejoice is an indication of our grasping the timing of the Lord in conjunction with God's hand upon our life. (*Line Upon Line*, Stacy Masten)

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## Grace in Jesus' Speech

Psalm 45:2 *Thou art fairer than the children of men: **grace (hen) is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed (barak) thee for ever.***

Luke 4:22 *And all bare him witness, and wondered at the **gracious (charis) words which proceeded out of his mouth.** And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?*

Luke 4:31-32 *31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days. 32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for **his word was with power.***

John 7:45-46 *45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? 46 The officers answered, **Never man spake like this man.***

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## Grace for Our Speech

Colossians 4:6 *Let your speech [be] **alway with grace (charis)**, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.*

Vines' definition of salt:

- Metaphorically of “believers”; of their “character and condition”; of “wisdom” exhibited in their speech;
- Being possessed of purifying, perpetuating (preserving) and antiseptic qualities, “salt” became emblematic of fidelity and friendship among the Arabs. So in scripture, it is an emblem of the covenant between God and His people;

Numbers 18:19 *All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it [is] a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.*

2 Chronicles 13:5 *Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, [even] to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?*

- The Lord tells us to “Have salt in ourselves, and be at peace one with another.”

Mark 9:50 *Salt [is] good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.*

- In the Lord’s teaching, it is also symbolic of that spiritual health and vigor essential to Christian virtue and counteractive of the corruption that is in the world.

Matthew 5:13 *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

- Every meal offering was to contain salt, and it was to be offered with all offerings presented by Israelites, as emblematic of the holiness of Christ, and as betokening the reconciliation provided for man by God on the ground of the death of Christ.

Leviticus 2:13 *And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.*

Ephesians 4:29 *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but **that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace (charis) unto the hearers.***

Proverbs 22:11 *He that loveth pureness of heart, [for] the grace of his lips the king [shall be] his friend.*

Ecclesiastes 10:12 *The words of a wise man's mouth [are] gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.*

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