



# 19-Minute Studies: Grand Themes Key Words

## **Old Testament Themes & Words**

Angel of the LORD  
Circumcision  
Fasting  
Line of the Savior  
LORD  
Sabbath  
Tithes and Firstfruits  
Zion

## **New Testament Themes & Words**

Apostles  
Body of Christ  
Children of God  
Gospel Kingdom  
of God  
Persecution  
Reconciliation  
Repentance

## **Figures of Christ**

David's Son  
King Priest  
Prophet  
Rock  
Shepherd and Sheep  
Slaves and Servants  
Son of Man

## **Salvation Words**

Covenant  
Faith  
Glory of the Lord

## **Grace**

Holiness  
Redemption  
Resurrection  
Righteousness  
Sacrifice for Sin

## **Important Symbols**

Anointing  
Fire  
Idolatry and Adultery  
Light and Darkness  
\* Seven\*  
Twelve  
Water  
Wind and Spirit  
Yeast

## **Christian Life Themes & Words**

Abraham's Children  
False Teaching  
Holy Spirit's Presence  
Law  
Miracles, Signs, Wonders  
Names  
Presence of Christ  
\* Retribution and  
Restitution\*  
Testing Faith  
Witnesses

## Grace

**2 Corinthians 8:9**—*You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

**2 Timothy 1:9,10**—*This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it [grace] has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

**Romans 3:23,24**—*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

1. According to the above passages, what is the meaning of grace? Who is always connected with grace? In what way?

2. How did Jesus become poor so that we might become rich?

**Romans 11:6**—*If [it is] by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.*

**Ephesians 2:8,9**—*It is by grace you have been saved, though faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

3. What is not part of grace?

4. Grace is God's favorable disposition toward people, unmerited by them, and made theirs by Jesus' saving work. Why do you think it is important to understand that no one has merited grace?

(1.) Grace is God's forgiveness, his victory over our sin and death, and his gift of eternal life. It is always connected with Jesus who has worked it out for us. (2.) Think of what Jesus was before came to earth. What was he like on earth. (3.) The very definition of grace prevents us from giving credit to ourselves. (4.) What would a gift-giver do with his gift if you started to demand credit for the gift he gave you? (5.) The problem is an undefined "thorn in the flesh." Grace is what the Lord gave to Paul to be able to handle the difficulty. Note how God is working in your heart to do his will or accomplish his kingdom work through you. These are all examples of grace in this sense of the term. (6.) Grace is what brings salvation, and it provides motivation for something else. (7.) God's grace in Christ will lead to a change in attitude. "It teaches us to say..." (8.) We grow in grace as we grow to understand better the meaning of God's love in Christ. And this is accomplished by...

**2 Corinthians 12:7-9**—*In order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh... Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

5. Grace can also refer to something beyond God's forgiveness. In the above passage, what problem is grace answering? What is that grace? Give examples of this kind of grace at work in your life.

**Titus 2:11,12**—*The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It [God's grace] teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.*

6. In Titus 2, grace does two things:

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7. In one sense, grace and works are mutually exclusive. In another sense they go well together. Explain.

**2 Peter 3:18**—*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

8. The Bible urges us to grow in grace. How do we do that?

## Prayer

Gracious Savior Jesus, we thank you for your favor to us, which we confess we do not deserve. Enable us to demonstrate your grace in our kind actions toward others, and enable us to proclaim your grace wherever there are people who don't know it. Amen.

## Answers:

1. Grace is God giving us something. On the negative side, Jesus sacrificed everything for us. On the positive, he won victory over death and sin for us. This is always connected with Jesus as the source of God's grace and as the one who achieved it for us.
2. Jesus took on a human nature and even suffered and died. All so that we could be saved.
3. Works are never part of what gets grace for us.
4. It is important that we understand grace as a gift (not as something we earn) for a few reasons. If we think we need to earn grace, we can never be sure if we are good enough. If we think we have to earn grace, we are telling our gracious God that he is obligated to give something to us. If we think we can earn grace, we nearly always fail to realize how sinful we are.
5. God's grace is answering the problem of Paul's pain. God told Paul that in everything he suffered, God had given Paul all that he needed—perhaps not all he wanted, but everything he needed.
6. In Titus 2, grace gives the gift of salvation. After giving salvation, grace also causes us to want to live a godly life.
7. When it comes to being saved, grace and works do not share any ground. Only grace can save us. *However*, grace will always lead us to do good works. (Notice, grace leads to good works, not good works lead to grace.)
8. We grow in grace by knowing Jesus Christ. This can only happen through the word of God and through the sacraments. These are the things that tell us about, and strengthen us in grace.