

**“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”**



**Part 10: “GRACE ... the choice of the sovereign God!”**

**Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 11:1-6;  
Luke 15:1-32**

Introduction: **Ephesians 1:1-6, 2:8-9 ...** God’s promise to SAVE those who believe in Jesus Christ; who are united to Him by GRACE through faith.

It is not baptism that saves ANY person. It is God’s GRACE in Christ Jesus!!

“GRACE” is the effective application of Christ’s righteousness to those whom God chooses.

“GRACE” is the undeserved transforming power of God that breathes new life into the dead spirit of the one whom God has chosen.

**GRACE is the active work of God in saving the sinner, who would not and could not save himself, through the supernatural work of His Spirit.**

God’s GRACE actually and literally accomplishes and assures our salvation.

### **I. The need for God’s sovereign grace ...**

If God offers His grace in Jesus Christ to all people, and the rest is up to us to choose with our own “free will,” NO ONE will be saved!!

**Ephesians 2:1-3:** “And you were dead in trespasses and sins ... and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”

**Romans 8:7-8 ...** We are not born “neutral” to spiritual truth ... our spirits are DEAD!

Dead people have no choices ... they are DEAD!!!

Not only do you not deserve God’s grace, but you are totally, by nature, incapable of receiving it.

### **II. The choice of God’s sovereign grace ...**

**Ephesians 1:1-14 ...**

**GRACE is the active work of God in saving the sinner, who would not and could not save himself, through the supernatural work of His Spirit.**

God “chose us in Christ” ... and “predestined us for adoption ...” (Ephesians 1:4-5).

God “redeemed” us by the blood of Christ and forgave our sins.

God obtained for us an “inheritance” ...

God “sealed” us by His Holy Spirit, “guaranteeing” our inheritance.

**Romans 11:1-6:** “But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace” (vs. 6).

The “it” refers to God’s sovereign grace.

**Romans 11:33-36:** “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To HIM be glory forever. Amen!” (vs. 36).

**Ephesians 2:4-9:** “For by GRACE you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God!” (vs. 8).

**John 6:29:** “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”

### **III. The power of God’s sovereign grace ...**

**God’s grace is the underserved transforming POWER that breathes new life into the dead spirit of the one whom God has chosen.**

**Luke 15:1-32:** The “Parable of the Prodigal Son” is about the Father who chose to save his son because he was HIS SON!!!!

We who believe have the promise that “He who began this good work in you WILL bring it to completion” (Philippians 1:6).

**II Corinthians 5:17:** “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come ... And all this is from GOD!”

God’s SAVING GRACE in Christ Jesus toward His chosen ones is ALWAYS effective, it ALWAYS transforms the heart and mind and will and so it ALWAYS SAVES!!