



Jesus is full of grace and gives you a life-satisfying grace in the freedom of knowing God.

Seeking Grace...

Brings Jesus to You (14)

As the “word,” Jesus is the universal explanation who communicates the purpose of everyone and everything that is (14; Jn. 1:1).

The realization of Jesus as the universal explanation of your life prepares you to experience Jesus’ grace and truth (14).

Jesus “dwelt among us” as an escalation of God’s purpose of revealing “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich (14; 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:8).

For you to get closer to God you must get closer to Jesus who is the perfect reflection of God’s “glory” as he is the “radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature” (14; Heb. 1:3).

“Full of grace,” Jesus’ life and ministry reached out to people like prostitutes and tax collectors who were hurting, hopeless, and oppressed (Mtt. 9:10-13; Mk. 2:15-17; Lk. 5:29-31).

“Full...of truth,” Jesus’ teaching revealed harsh realities of sin and destruction while calling on all to repent and believe (14; Jn. 8:32; 17:6).

Seeking Grace...

1) Caused Jesus to Die for You

“Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”-Philippians 2:6-8

“For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.”
-Romans 5:1

2) Begins with Jesus Pursuing You

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”-Jesus in Luke 19:10

Jesus will pursue you into the very depths of your wandering and brokenness so he can rescue and deliver you.

Fulfilling Grace...

Gives Jesus’ Eternal Satisfaction (15-16)

Jesus was eternally “full of grace and truth” as the plan all along was for Jesus to be “the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world” who was “slain from the creation of the world” (15; Jn. 1:29; 36; Rev. 13:8).

In Jesus’ grace and truth there is a “fullness” that fulfills and completes you by satisfying your soul’s deepest longings (16).

This “fullness” you receive in Jesus brings you to a place of “mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (16; Eph. 4:13).

Jesus’ “fullness” gives you overlapping and increasing “grace” that builds “upon grace” so that you are continually living in the fullness of Jesus’ life-satisfying grace (16).

“But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more...”-Romans 5:20

Fulfilling Grace...

1) Reveals Your Dissatisfaction

“You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you.”-Augustine in *Confessions*

Whoever or whatever you are looking to to satisfy your soul’s deepest longings will leave you empty and thirsty.

2) Quenches Your Soul’s Thirst

“The deepest longing of the human heart is to know and enjoy the glory of God. We were made for this...to see it, to savor it, to show it—that is why we exist...We were made to know and treasure the glory of God above all things; and when we trade that treasure for images everything is disordered...everything flies apart...”
-John Piper in *Seeking and Savoring Jesus Christ*

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”-Psalm 16:11

Freeing Grace...

Liberates You to Know Jesus (17-18)

Grace frees you from attempting to please God through earning your way to God through the “law” because you live knowing “by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not by works...” (17; Eph. 2:8-9)

“Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”-Galatians 2:16

Jesus gives a “grace and truth” through the cross that supersedes the grace of “the law” as God “did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” (17; Rms. 8:32).

God the Father is spirit “who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see” (18; 1 Tim. 6:16).

Everything and anything you need to know about God is perfectly “known” in Jesus who is “Immanuel—God with us” (18; Mtt. 1:23; Isa. 7:14).

Freeing Grace...

1) Frees You from Religion

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”-Galatians 5:1

Jesus invites you to “come to” him for unlike religion his “yoke is easy” and his “burden is light” (Mtt. 11:30).

2) Transforms How You Live

“Truth without grace is mean; grace without truth is meaningless.”-Chris Hodges
God wants you to live and speak Jesus’ Gospel with both grace and truth.

Challenge— Have I received the fullness of Jesus’ grace?

