

DIVINE NATURE

Grace is defined by Christ in Luke 6:27-36

Luke 6

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smites thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and -- him that takes away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

30 Give to every man that asks of thee; and of him that takes away thy goods ask them not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank (g5485 – grace) have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank (g5485 – grace) have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank (g5485 – grace) have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

With this understanding of grace we can better understand what Paul wrote in Romans 6:14:

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

We are not to live according to the law, but to be governed by grace.

2 Peter 1

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained **like precious faith** with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ:

Faith is a noun and, when it concerns believers, will always point to the faith of Christ.

Galatians 2

16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3 According as his divine **power (G1411 – ability)** hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the **divine nature, having escaped** the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, -- **giving all diligence, add (q2023 – minister) ~~to~~ in your faith virtue (q703 – worthiness)**; and ~~to~~ in virtue knowledge;

6 And ~~to~~ in knowledge temperance; and ~~to~~ in temperance patience; and ~~to~~ in patience godliness;

7 And ~~to~~ in godliness brotherly kindness; and ~~to~~ in brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacks these things **is blind**, and **cannot see afar off (q3467 – dim sighted)**, and hath forgotten that he was purged from **his old sins**.

What he has done to others and what others have done to him.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance **shall be ministered (q2023)** unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.