



“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” said Frodo.
“So do I,” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.”

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

...the Spirit explicitly
says that in later times
some will depart from the
faith, paying attention to
deceitful spirits and the
teachings of demons....

1 Timothy 4:1 CSB



HERE I BOW

There Is a Son Who Came In Grace and Truth

John 1:14,16-17 CSB

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

We observed his glory,
the glory of the one and only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth....

¹⁶ Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness,
¹⁷ for the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the **favor** of all the people.

Acts 2:46b-47a

I **thank** God, whom I serve with a clear conscience as my ancestors did....

2 Timothy 1:3

charis
used 155
times in the
New Testament
in a variety
of ways

Now to the one who works, pay is not credited as a **gift**, but as something owed.

Romans 4:4

...Porcius Festus succeeded Felix, and because Felix wanted to do the Jews a **favor**, he left Paul in prison.

Acts 24:27



“The origins of the word come from the desire of a person to establish a mutual, reciprocal relationship with another person. A ‘Grace’ was a gift sent to someone with whom I wanted to establish a relationship. By accepting the gift, the other person understood that they were committing to a long-term, mutual relationship with me.”

Ed Khouri, personal email

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 CSB

“Grace means
the God of the
universe is pursuing
an ongoing, intentional
**relationship
with you.”**

Ed Khouri, *Becoming a
Face of Grace*

“Grace is
**God acting
in our lives**
to accomplish what
we cannot do on
our own.”

Dallas Willard, *Knowing
Christ Today*

Titus 2:11 CSB

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people....

“Grace is God acting in our lives to accomplish what we cannot do on our own.”

...the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 CSB

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6 CSB

act 2

act 1

Titus 2:11 CSB

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people....

act 2

Ephesians 2:3b-6,8-9 CSB

...we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy,
because of his great love that he had for us,
⁵ made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses.

You are saved by grace!...

⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith,
and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—

“Grace is God ⁹ acting in our lives to accomplish what we cannot do on our own.”

act 2

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24 CSB



He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 CSB

“Grace is God acting in our lives to accomplish what we cannot do on our own.”

act 3

For it is God who
is working in you
both to will and to
work according to
his good purpose.

Philippians 2:13 CSB

“My grace is
sufficient for you,
for my power is
made perfect
in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV

...he who began
a good work in
you will bring it to
completion at the
day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 ESV

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act 3

But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace toward me was not in vain.
On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them,
yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:10 CSB

act 2

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