

Five Reasons to Thank God for His Grace

Part 5: Thank Him for Fatherly Grace

- A. The grace of Fatherly commitment and faithfulness to His children
 - 1. His children receive “*grace upon grace*” (John 1:14-18)
 - 2. Covenant grace (2 Kings 13:22-23)
 - 3. Perseverance (Philippians 1:6)
 - 4. Note that these are all unconditional and guaranteed. How should we respond to the grace of God’s faithfulness? How does it motivate you? What difference does a proper understanding of this make?
- B. Christians abound in the grace of God
 - 1. Christians stand in grace (Romans 5:2)
 - 2. Christians are “*stewards of the manifold grace of God*” (1 Peter 4:10)
 - 3. Grace and peace are multiplied to believers through knowledge of God and Christ (2 Peter 1:2)
 - 4. Believers “*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*” (2 Peter 3:18)
 - 5. God gives Christians “*us eternal comfort and good hope by grace*” (2 Thessalonians 2:16)
 - 6. Note that this grace is available equally to all believers but must be appropriated. How is God different than our human fathers? How can we appropriate this grace and grow in it? How can we extend it to others?
- C. Other special graces
 - 1. Answered prayer (Psalm 4:1)
 - 2. Healing (Psalm 6:2)
 - 3. Protection (Psalm 57:1)
 - 4. Note that these examples of grace are given as God sees fit but are not guaranteed at all times in all ways to all believers. What should we think and do when God does not answer our prayers or heal?