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The word grace is used 122 times in the New Testament of the Bible and 27 times in the Book of Mormon and so we need to consider this aspect and gift of God.

Why did man need grace?

Mankind was cut off from the presence of God by their fall:

It all begins in the Garden of Eden: Genesis 2:7-9

What was God's original commandment to man? Genesis 2:15-17 Adam and Eve knew what the Law of God was in regards to the fruit of the tree of knowledge and they chose to break God's commandment! Genesis 3:1-7

What happened when they disobeyed the Lord?

Genesis 3:8-24 Man was put out of the Garden and death physically and spiritually came to all mankind.

Alma 19:83-97

What were the conditions required for the Plan of Redemption to take affect? Answer - Only on the conditions of repentance of men in this probationary time. 2nd Nephi 1:101-116

What is the natural state of man? Are they naturally Good or Evil?

Genesis 6:5

Romans 7:14-19

Romans 8:6-8

Romans 3:10-18

Mosiah 1:119

Mosiah 8:74-76

1st Corinthians 2:14

God's law calls for justice against the sinner.

Romans 2:11-16 13

Romans 3:19-20

Galatians 3:10-12

James 2:9-13

Because of the fall there was a need for an atonement and redemption!

Alma 19:97

2nd Nephi 6:10-30

Romans 5:8-21

Alma 9:42-60

Mosiah 8:74-91

1st John 1:5-10

Romans 3:21-25

The unmerited grace and mercy of Christ is seen in the Plan of Redemption:

2nd Nephi 1:71-73 John 1:14-17 Alma 3:83-84 Alma 7:40

Saved by Grace the free gift of God

2nd Nephi 7:40-44 2nd Nephi 11:43-56 Ephesians 2:1-18 Acts 15:11 2nd Timothy 1:8-10

How do we make access into the grace of God in order to receive it?

Romans 5:1-2 Mosiah 9:48 Proverbs 3:34 James 4:6 1st Peter 5:5-7 Helaman 4:70-71

When is God's Grace sufficient for our weaknesses?

2nd Corinthians 12:7-11 Ether 5:26-29 Moroni 10:29-30

Grace beyond the Plan of Redemption

2nd Peter 3:13-18 Hebrews 6:1 Moroni 8:3 James 4:1-10 2nd Corinthians 4:13-18 Hebrews 4:12-16 Titus 2:11-15 1st Nephi 5:121-122

Gifts given by grace

Romans 12:3-6 Ephesians 4:4-8 1st Peter 4:7-10

Grace received by giving tithes and offerings 2nd Corinthians 8:1-7

2nd Corinthians 8:1-7 2nd Corinthians 9:6-15

Our attitude toward the Grace of God

1st Corinthians 15:9-10 1st Timothy 1:12-17

2nd Timothy 1:7-10

1st Corinthians 1:26-31

Our attitude should be seen in our speaking to others

Ephesians 4:29-32 Colossians 4:5-6

Pray to have the grace of God

Moroni 8:3 Alma 5:4

Can we lose (fall from) the grace of God?

Mormon 1:36-40 Hebrews 10:26-39 Hebrews 12:11-15 2nd Corinthians 6:1-2 Galatians 2:16-21 Galatians 5:1-5

1st Corinthians 9:24-27

Definitions:

Atonement: (2643) exchange, i.e. restoration to (the divine) favor; reconciliation

Infinite: () Having no boundaries or limits; immeasurably great or large; boundless

Propitiation: (2435) neuter of a derivative of 2433; an expiatory (place or thing), i.e. (concretely) an atoning victim, or (specially) the lid of the Ark (in the Temple): --mercyseat, propitiation.

Propitiation: (2434) atonement, i.e. (concretely) an expiator: -- propitiation

Reconciliation: (2433) to conciliate, i.e. (transitively) to atone for (sin), or (intransitively) be propitious: --be merciful, make reconciliation for.

Reconciliation: (2643) from 2644; exchange (figuratively, adjustment), i.e. restoration to (the divine) favor: --atonement, reconciliation(-ing).

Redeem: (1805) from 1537 and 59; to buy up, i.e. ransom; figuratively, to rescue from loss (improve opportunity): -- redeem.

Redeem: (3084) from 3083; to ransom (literally or figuratively): --redeem.

Redemption: (629) the act (ransom in full) i.e. riddance; deliverance

Salvation: (4991) rescue or safety, deliver, health, salvation, save, saving

Salvation: (4992) defender, defence

Justified: (1344); from 1342; to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent:- free, justify (-ier), be righteous.

Sanctified: (37) to make holy, i.e. purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate: - hallow, be holy, sanctify

Grace: (5485) From Strong's - from 5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstr. Or concr.; lit., fig., or spiritual; espec. The divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; incl. Gratitude): acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace...

From Vines:

Charis – (a) objective, that which bestows or occasions pleasure, delight, or causes favourable regard; it is applied, e.g., to beauty, or gracefulness of person, or speech, "words of grace". (b) subjective (1) on the part of the bestower, the friendly disposition form which the kindly act proceeds, graciousness, loving-kindness, goodwill generally, especially with reference to the Divine favour or grace; in this respect there is stress on its freeness and universality, its spontaneous character, as in the case of God's redemptive mercy, and the pleasure or joy He designs for the recipient; thus it is set in contrast to debt, with works and with the Law. (2) On the part of the receiver, a sense of the favour bestowed, a feeling of gratitude, (thanks). (c) In another objective sense, the effect of grace, the spiritual state of those who have experienced its exercise, whether (1) a state of grace, (2) a proof thereof in practical effects, deeds of grace, (bounty, liberality, sum of earthly blessings), and the power and equipment for ministry.