

## **God Is...Gracious**

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***The Lord always keeps His promises; He is gracious in all He does.***

*Psalm 145 verse 13 (479)*

***You are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love.***

*Nehemiah chapter 9 verse 17 (378)*

What is grace?? Grace simply means that I get something for nothing.

Top ten reasons Rob thinks God's grace is awesome! *(in no particular order)*

Because God's grace guarantees me a place in heaven!!

- ***God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.***

*Ephesians chapter 2 verses 8 & 9 (896)*

- ***For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people.***

*Titus chapter 2 verse 11 (917)*

Because God's grace keeps me right with God. Whew!!

***Just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

*Romans chapter 5 verse 21 (860)*

Because God's grace keeps my spiritual life simple!!

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. Your strength comes from God's grace, not from rules about food, which don't help those who follow them.***

*Hebrews chapter 13 verses 8 & 9 (928)*

Because God's grace makes me free to be me!!

***Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.***

*Romans chapter 6 verse 14 (861)*

Because God's grace let's me be real, because it works best thru my weaknesses!!

***Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time He said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.***

*2 Corinthians chapter 12 verses 8 - 10 (888)*

Because God's grace makes me look good!!

***Whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out His special favor on me (GRACE!) and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by His grace.***

*1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 10 (879)*

Because no matter how bad or how much I sin, God's grace is ALWAYS greater!!

***God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.***

*Romans chapter 5 verse 20 (860)*

Because God's grace keeps me from being a mess-up when I mess up!!

***This High Priest of ours (Jesus) understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet He did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.***

*Hebrews chapter 4 verses 15 & 16 (922)*

Because God's grace let's me be a part of God's work in the lives of others!!

***By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving Him by spreading this Good News.***

*Ephesians chapter 3 verse 7 (896)*

Because God's grace gives my life greater purpose!!

***My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus, the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.***

*Acts chapter 20 verse 24 (849)*

Next Sunday: God is...Love