

Brand New Part 2: New Grace

*“When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a **brand new** person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 TLB*

*“But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his **special favor** on me—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 15:10 NLT*

Grace (*charis*) is **God’s gift of unmerited favor for salvation**.

*“**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 2:8-9 NLT*

*“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of **God’s grace**” Ephesians 1:7 NIV*

Grace brings a **gift of divine ability** (*charisma*).

*“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different **gifts** (*charisma*), according to the **grace** (*charis*) given to each of us. ” Romans 12:4-8 NIV*

*“Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the **special abilities** the Spirit gives us. I don’t want you to misunderstand this... There are different kinds of spiritual **gifts**, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. **A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.**” 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7 NLT*

You have a **grace gift** (*charis charisma*).

*“I always thank my God for you because of his **grace** (*charis*) given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual **gift** (*charisma*) as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.” 1 Corinthians 1:4-7 NIV*

Your **grace gift** makes things **easier** for you.

*"**If your gift is** prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."*

Romans 12:4-8 NIV

1. Build up your **confidence** in God's grace.

*"Let us then approach God's throne of grace **with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."* Hebrews 4:16 NIV

*"Because of his **grace** he made us right in his sight and gave us **confidence** that we will inherit eternal life."* Titus 3:7 NLT

2. Stay **full of grace** for others.

*"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always **full of grace**, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."* Colossians 4:5-6 NIV

3. Discover your **grace gift**.

*"For we are His **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good **works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would **walk** in them."* Ephesians 2:10 NASB1995

*"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"* Matthew 7:11 NIV

4. Walk in your **grace gift**.

*"**Do not neglect your gift**, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you." 1 Timothy 4:14 NIV*

*"For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame the gift of God**, which is in you through the laying on of my hands." 2 Timothy 1:6 NIV*

*"Each of you should **use** whatever **gift** you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 NIV*

*"Since you are eager for **gifts** of the Spirit, **try to excel in those that build up the church.**"* 1 Corinthians 14:12 NIV

*"For God's **gifts** and his call are **irrevocable.**"* Romans 11:29 NIV