# **Understanding Grace Part 1**

<sup>Jn 1:14</sup> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

<sup>Jn 1:15</sup> John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

<sup>Jn 1:16</sup> And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

<sup>Jn 1:17</sup> For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

<sup>Eph 2:8</sup> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: <sup>Eph 2:9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.

<sup>Eph 2:10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

In this Teaching I will:

- Define Grace in the Old and New Testaments
- Share interesting facts about Grace
- Show Grace was in operation in the beginning.
- Show how Yeshua is the fullness of YeHoVaH's Grace manifested.

I will answer the following Questions:

- Did Yeshua fulfill the Law and the Prophets?
- What does it mean to be under Grace?
- Does Grace do away with the Law?
- Does Grace alone save?

# **Define Grace in the Old and New Testaments**

Grace used in the Biblical context is truly a beautiful gift from YeHoVaH.

Defining grace is illusive because of the many usages of the term.

Grace defined in Hebrew Grace – 02580 Chen Meaning: 1) favour, grace, charm 1a) favour, grace, elegance 1b) favour, acceptance Usage: AV - grace 38, favour 26, gracious 2, pleasant 1, precious 1, wellfavoured + 02896 1; 69

Hebrew word *chanan/chen* as *charis*, and the King James Version likewise often translates this as "grace" or "favor" or "mercy." —Holman Bible Dictionary
Greek word Charis
Grace 5485 χάρις charis {khar'-ece}
Meaning: 1) grace 1a) that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness:

grace of speech 2) good will, loving-kindness, favour **Usage:** AV - grace 130, favour 6, thanks 4, thank 4, thank + 2192 3, pleasure 2, misc 7; 156

The way the word or the term Grace has been used by those in Christian circles have given Grace a bad name amongst Messianic and Hebrew Roots believers.

Christians sail in the ocean of Grace and Messianics and Hebrew Roots believers avoid using the word Grace and will not dip a toe in Grace because of how the term Grace has been perverted by Christians.

Many have used the Doctrine of Grace as a license to sin.

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jud 1:4 KJV)

#### Interesting facts about Grace and The Gospels

- Yeshua never mentions the word Grace in the Gospels or in the prophetic Book of Revelation.
- Matthew nor Mark has the word Grace written in their Gospels.
- Luke mentions Grace one time

Lk 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

• John's Gospel mentions Grace three times, all in Chapter 1 in verses 14, 16, and 17.

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- In total, John's Gospel mentions the word Grace three times; **never in the context of salvation**.
- The prophetic end time Book of Revelation mentions Grace twice; in Revelation 1:4 and Revelation 22:21, but **never in the context of salvation.**

<sup>Rev 1:4</sup> John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

Rev 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

• Other words for Grace in the Gospels: Gracious, favour.

# Show Grace was in operation in the beginning

Instructions, sin, punishment, and Grace

<sup>Ge 2:16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Ge 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

<sup>Ge 3:21</sup> Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

# Yeshua, the fullness of YeHoVaH's Grace

The death, burial, resurrection, ascension, return, and reign of Yeshua is the full manifestation of YeHoVaH's Grace.

<sup>Jn 3:16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

<sup>Jn 3:17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

<sup>Jn 3:18</sup> He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Neither Faith nor Grace makes the Law void.

Faith does not make the Law void. Faith actually establishes the Law.

<sup>Ro 3:31</sup> Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

#### Answer the following Questions:

Did Yeshua fulfill the Law and the Prophets? Did Yeshua come to **destroy** or to **fulfill** the Law or the Prophets?

Mt 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (Pleroo)

<sup>Mt 5:18</sup> For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, <u>till all be fulfilled</u>. (Genomia)

<sup>Mt 5:19</sup> Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Did Yeshua fulfill the Law or the Prophets?

What part of the Law or the Prophets? Everything the Law and Prophets said about Him?

# Did Yeshua fulfill the Law or the Prophets?

Yes and No. Yeshua fulfilled certain Scripture but not all for much is yet to be fulfilled.

<sup>Lk 24:44</sup> And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.

Have all things prophesied been fulfilled? No

- Judgement
- New Jerusalem must come
- Yeshua must return and reign as King
- All flesh must go up to worship in New Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles

Yeshua was/is The Prophet, Savior, Messiah and King.

Yeshua has not yet fulfilled all that the Law and the Prophets said about Him. However, He did fulfill

many of the things that the Law and the Prophets said about Him throughout the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles.

As Prophet, Yeshua gave the Book of Revelation and prophesied things that were to come in future events.

As King, His Kingdom will be established when He returns. As of now, His Kingdom is within us.

There were past things that were accomplished; there are current things that are being accomplished; and there are future things that shall be accomplished.

#### What does it mean to be under Grace?

The two you(s) The carnal man (the old man) The spirit man (the new man)

<sup>Ro 6:1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? <sup>Ro 6:2</sup> God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

<sup>Ro 6:3</sup> Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

<sup>Ro 6:4</sup> Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

<sup>Ro 6:5</sup> For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

<sup>Ro 6:6</sup> Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him,* that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

<sup>Ro 6:7</sup> For he that is dead is freed from sin.

<sup>Ro 6:8</sup> Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

<sup>Ro 6:9</sup> Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

<sup>Ro 6:10</sup> For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. <sup>Ro 6:11</sup> Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>Ro 6:12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. <sup>Ro 6:13</sup> Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

<sup>Ro 6:14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

<sup>Ro 8:6</sup> For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

<sup>Ro 8:7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

<sup>Ro 8:8</sup> So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>Ro 8:9</sup> But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

<sup>Ro 8:10</sup> And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

<sup>2Co 5:17</sup> Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

<sup>2Co 5:18</sup> And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>2Co 5:19</sup> To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their

trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

<sup>2Co 5:20</sup> Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Does Grace do away with the Law?