

REF. MATERIAL

Use of “Grace” in Pauline Epistles

WHAT IS GRACE?

In the Bible, 163 verses contain the word “*grace*”. Over half of those references, 93 to be exact, are found throughout the epistles written by the Apostle Paul (apostle the Gentiles [**Romans 1:13**]). By way of comparison (table below), consider the definition of the word “*grace*” in Scripture as well as in the English language.

Hebrew	Greek	Webster’s 1913 Dictionary
Strong’s 02603 — chanan (pronounced khaw-nan’), primitive root; properly, to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favor, bestow; to be gracious. No other meaning found for “grace” in Old Testament.	Strong’s 5463 — chairō (pronounced khah'-ee-ro), primary verb; to be "cheer"ful, i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well: farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, joy(-fully), rejoice. Strong’s 2143 — euprepeia (pronounced yoo-prep'-i-ah), from a compound of 2095 and 4241; good suitableness, i.e. gracefulness.	[N] the free and unmerited favor or beneficence of God, the exercise of love, kindness, mercy, favor, a virtue coming from God, The divine favor toward man; the mercy of God, as distinguished from His justice [V] To dignify or raise by an act of favor; to confer dignity or honor on; to adorn or embellish

Another way to look at “grace” is in light of its varied New Testament attributes¹ (not only from the Pauline epistles):

- ⇒ Reference to the Divine favor or "grace" [**Ac.7:10**].
- ⇒ 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 [**Ac.14:26**].
- ⇒ Set in contrast with **debt**, [**Rom.4:4,16**], with **works** [**Rom.11:6**], and with **law** [**Jn.1:17**].
- ⇒ On the part of the receiver, gratitude ("thanks") [**Rom.6:17**].
- ⇒ The effect of "grace," the spiritual state of those who have experienced its exercise [**Rom.5:2**, **1Pet.5:12**, **2Pet.3:18**].

¹ Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words.

NEW TESTAMENT
Romans through 2 Corinthians

“GRACE” SCRIPTURE LIST

The verses contained in the following table were taken from the Pauline epistles only².

Romans 1:5,7; 3:24; 4:4,16; 5:2,15,17,20-21; 6:1,14-15; 11:5-6; 12:3,6; 15:15; 16:20,24	1 Corinthians 1:3-4; 3:10; 10:30; 15:10; 16:23	2 Corinthians 1:2,12,15{benefit}; 4:15; 6:1; 8:1,6-7,9,19; 9:8,14; 12:9; 13:14
Galatians 1:3,6,15; 2:9,21; 5:4; 6:18	Ephesians 1:2,6-7; 2:5,7-8; 3:2,7-8; 4:7,29; 6:24	Philippians 1:2,7; 4:23
Colossians 1:2,6; 3:16; 4:6,18	1 Thessalonians 1:1; 5:28	2 Thessalonians 1:2,12; 2:16; 3:18
1 Timothy 1:2,14; 6:21	2 Timothy 1:2,9; 2:1; 4:22	Titus 1:4; 2:11; 3:7,15
Philemon 1:3,25	Hebrews 2:9; 4:16; 10:29; 12:15,28; 13:9,25	

It is by acceptance of this gospel of grace the believer can sing...

*“Grace, grace, God’s grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.”³*

² List of scriptures pulled using Power BibleCD by Joy L. Wilson on 02-01-2010.

³ Lyrics from the hymn titled “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”.