

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH L.I.F.E BIBLE STUDY

Topical Study: GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL GRACE

SESSION ONE: The DEFINITION of GRACE

I. What is the definition of **GRACE**?

A. The word "*grace*" in the New Testament comes from the Greek word *charis* which means "favor, blessing, or kindness."

B. To fully understand **GRACE**, we need to consider who we were without **CHRIST** and who we become with **CHRIST**.

1. We were born in **SIN**. (Psalm 51:5)

2. We were **GUILTY** of breaking God's **HOLY LAWS**. (Rom.3:9-24; 1 John 1:8-2:2)

3. We were **ENEMIES** of God. (Rom.5:6-11; 8:7; Col. 1:19-21)

C. Where and when did **GRACE** begin?

(Gen. 3:21)

1. The pattern of **GRACE** continued throughout the Old Testament when God instituted the "sacrificial system" to **ATONE** for **SINFUL** men.

2. There were 5 main types of **SACRIFICES**: [3] Voluntary and [2] Mandatory.

3. **3 VOLUNTARY** - The **BURNT** offering, the **GRAIN** offering, and the **PEACE** offering.

2 MANDATORY -The **SIN** offering and the **TRESPASS** offering.

D. The **GOSPEL** of **GRACE** came and extended **GOD'S FAVOR** to us. (John 1:11-17)

1. **GRACE** saves us. (Eph. 2:8,9)

2. **GRACE** gives us **ETERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT** and **GOOD HOPE**. (2 Thess. 2:16)

3. **GRACE** gives us **VICTORY** over **SIN**. (James 4:6)

"GRACE is GOD giving the GREATEST TREASURE to the LEAST DESERVING.