

# St. Paul's Notes

## Christian Theology 101

### The Grace of God

#### Common Grace

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Ephesians 2:1-10

When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples everything changed.

#### Love That Will Not Let You Go

Grace is often defined as \_\_\_\_\_

God's grace is not given as a result of our good deeds.  
God's grace is not denied because of our bad deeds.

God's grace comes without charge.

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9*

#### God Alone Its Source

Grace is a gift from God

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17*

*"No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven."  
John 3:27 (NLT)*

## Disclosed In Christ

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

*“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ.” Ephesians 1:7-9*

## Common Grace

*“The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.”  
Psalm 145:9*

*“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” Romans 13:1*

*“for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”  
I Timothy 2:2*

*“Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts.” Romans 1:24*

*“God gave them over to shameful lusts.” Romans 1:26*

Common grace is insufficient  
to restore our relationship with God.

No one can earn their salvation.

Our relationship with God is not about what we do,  
but about what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.