



Amazing Grace and Glory!

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Grace (unmerited favor, undeserved blessing), *charis* (Khar-ece); – 2 Corinthians 12:9 Strong's #5485; From the same root as *chara*, "joy," and *chairō*, "to rejoice." *Charis* for God's grace as extended to sinful man. It signifies unmerited favor, underserved blessing, a free gift.

Grace (act merciful, compassionate toward), *chen* (chayn); – Zech 12:10

Strong's #2580; Favor, grace, graciousness kindness, beauty, pleasantness, charm, attractiveness, loveliness, affectionate regard. The root *chanan* means "to act graciously or mercifully toward someone; to be compassionate, to be favorably inclined." God's grace poured out upon Jerusalem enables them to look longingly and beseechingly toward their pierced King. God's grace will result in Israel's seeing Jesus as someone of infinite beauty. His goodness enables them to repent. The Holy Spirit is called "the Spirit of grace" in Hebrews 10:29, a title no doubt inspired by this reference in Zechariah.

(From the Spirit Filled Living Bible)

Ephesians 2 ¹ **And his fullness fills you, even though you were once like corpses, dead in your sins and offenses.** ² It wasn't that long ago that you lived in the religion, customs, and values of this world, obeying the dark ruler of the earthly realm who fills the atmosphere with his authority, and works diligently in the hearts of those who are disobedient to the truth of God. ³ The corruption that was in us from birth was expressed through the deeds and desires of our self-life. We lived by whatever natural cravings and thoughts our minds dictated, **living as rebellious children subject to God's wrath like everyone else.** ⁴ **But God still loved us with such great love. He is so rich in compassion and mercy.** ⁵ **Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, he united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by his wonderful grace!** ⁶ He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, **and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!** ⁷ Throughout the coming ages we will be the visible display of the infinite riches of his grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Jesus Christ. ⁸ **For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ!** ⁹ **So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving.** ¹⁰ We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, **God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!** ¹¹⁻¹² So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); you had none of the Jewish covenants and laws; you were foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; **you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God.** ¹³ **Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ!** TPT

Acts 20 ²² And now I am captive to the Holy Spirit to go to Jerusalem, without really knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ Yet I know that the Holy Spirit warns me in town after town, saying, 'Chains and afflictions are prepared for you.' ²⁴ **But whether I live or die is not important, for I don't esteem my life as indispensable. It's more important for me to fulfill my destiny and to finish the ministry my Lord Jesus has assigned to me, which is to faithfully preach the wonderful news of God's grace.** TPT - ²² Now I am going to Jerusalem. God's Holy Spirit has shown me that I must go there. I do not know what will happen to me there. ²³ But I do know that much trouble will come to me. The Holy Spirit has told me about that. He said to me, "People will put you in prison and they will hurt

you.” ²⁴ But even if people kill me, this is not important to me. The Lord Jesus gave me some work to do. **It is important that I finish his work. I must tell people *the good news about how kind and good God is*.** EASY

Zechariah 2 ⁵ For I,’ says the Lord, ‘will be a wall of fire all around her, and **I will be the glory in her midst.**’” NKJV

Haggai 2 ⁶ “For this is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all the nations, and **the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.** ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. ⁹ **The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. And in this place I will bring peace. I, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!**” NLT

James 1 ¹⁷ **Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father,** who created all the lights in the heavens. **He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.** NLT

Deuteronomy 8 ¹⁸ Remember the Lord your God. **He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.** NLT

Genesis 12 ² Follow me, and I will make you into a great nation. **I will exceedingly bless and prosper you, and I will make you famous, so that you will be a tremendous source of blessing for others.** ³ I will bless all who bless you and curse all who curse you. And through you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” ^{13:2} **Now Abram had become very rich in livestock, silver, and gold.** TPT

2 Corinthians 8 ⁹ **For you have experienced the extravagant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was infinitely rich, he impoverished himself for our sake, so that by his poverty, we become rich beyond measure.** ¹⁰ So here are my thoughts concerning this matter, and it’s in your best interests. Since you made such a good start last year, both in the grace of giving and in your longing to give, TPT

Proverbs 3 ¹⁶ **Wisdom extends to you long life in one hand and wealth and promotion in the other.** Out of her mouth flows righteousness, and her words release both law and mercy. TPT

James 1 ⁵ **And if anyone longs to be wise, ask God for wisdom and he will give it!** He won’t see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures but he will overwhelm your failures with his generous grace. ⁶ **Just make sure you ask empowered by confident faith without doubting that you will receive.** For the ambivalent person believes one minute and doubts the next. Being undecided makes you become like the rough seas driven and tossed by the wind. You’re up one minute and tossed down the next. TPT

Matthew 14 ¹⁴ So when Jesus landed he had a huge crowd waiting for him. Seeing so many people, **his heart was deeply moved with compassion toward them, so he healed all the sick who were in the crowd.** ¹⁵ Later that afternoon the disciples came to Jesus and said, “It’s going to be dark soon and the people are hungry, but there’s nothing to eat here in this desolate place. You should send the crowds away to the nearby villages to buy themselves some food.” ¹⁶ “They don’t need to leave,” Jesus responded. **“You can give them something to eat.”** ¹⁷ They answered, **“But all we have is five barley loaves and two fish.”** ¹⁸ “Let me have them,” Jesus replied. ¹⁹ Then he had everyone sit down on the grass and he then took the five loaves and two fish. **He looked up into heaven, gave thanks to God, and broke the bread into pieces. He then gave it to his disciples, who in turn gave it to the crowds.** ²⁰ **And everyone ate until they were satisfied, for the food was multiplied in front of their eyes!** They picked up the leftovers and filled up twelve baskets full! ²¹ **There were about five thousand men who were fed, in addition to many women and children!** TPT