THE QUESTION

What does the word charis, or grace, mean in the Bible?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

In the Bible, charis (grace) means God's free favor and the good gifts that flow from it. Early Christians taught that God gives grace freely, not as wages, and that it brings forgiveness, sonship, the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts. The same word can mean favor, as when Mary found favor with God. People must welcome and keep it.

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God gives grace because He is good

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Barnabas closes his letter with a blessing from the Lord of all grace. Clement of Alexandria explains the similar phrase in 1 Peter 5:10: God is called the God of all grace because He is good and gives every good thing.

1 “The Lord of glory and of all grace be with your spirit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Barnabas,** *Epistle of Barnabas* (c. 70–132 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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2 “But he says, "the God of all grace," in 1 Peter 5:10. He says, "of all grace," because God is good and gives all good things.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 7, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Grace is a free gift, not wages

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Clement of Rome does not use the word grace here, but he says the priests, Levites and kings of Israel were honored by God's will, not for their own works, and that we are justified by faith, not by ourselves. Chrysostom, a later fourth-century preacher, says the Jews were chosen not for their good deeds, and so received this honor by grace.

3 “All these, therefore, were highly honored and made great, not for their own sake, or for their own works, or for the righteousness they accomplished, but through the operation of His will. And we, too, being called by His will in Christ Jesus, are not justified by ourselves, nor by our own wisdom, or understanding, or godliness, or works we have accomplished in holiness of heart; but by that faith through which, from the beginning, Almighty God has justified all people; to whom be glory forever and ever.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 27, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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4 “If they were chosen by God not because of their own good deeds, then it is clear that they received this honor by grace. And we too are all saved by grace, but not in the same way.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on John* 14 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 22, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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The same word can mean favor

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Irenaeus quotes the angel telling Mary she has found favor with God. A homily linked to Gregory Thaumaturgus ties the angel's greeting, highly favored, to the grace stored up in her. Chrysostom, a later writer, notes the first believers had favor with the people, meaning others thought well of them.

5 “Again, speaking of the angel, he says: "At that time, the angel Gabriel was sent from God, who said to the virgin, 'Do not fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God.'"”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 4, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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6 “Therefore the angel rightly said first of all to Mary the holy Virgin, “Hail, you who are highly favored, the Lord is with you,” since the full treasure of grace was stored up with her.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *Four Homilies* (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 15, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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7 “How did they have favor with all the people? Because of their almsdeeds.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Acts* (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 23, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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In Christ, grace brings forgiveness and sonship

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Chrysostom, a later fourth-century writer, explains John 1:16. The grace for grace is new grace in place of old. It brings forgiveness, but also righteousness, holiness, adoption as God's sons and friends, and the gift of the Spirit.

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8 “What have we received? "Grace for grace," he says. What grace in place of what grace? The new in place of the old.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on John* 14 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 24, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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9 “So the grace given to us is not like theirs. For we were given not only forgiveness of sins, since this is something we share with them, because all have sinned, but also righteousness, sanctification, sonship, and the gift of the Spirit, which is far more glorious and abundant. By this grace we have become beloved by God, no longer as servants, but as sons and friends.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on John* 14 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 22, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Spiritual gifts come from the same grace

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Origen says divine wisdom comes through the grace of God to those able to receive it, and he calls it the first of the charismata, or gifts of grace. Cyprian says the gift of spiritual grace was poured out on all God's people alike.

10 “Human wisdom is what we call the wisdom of the world, which is foolishness with God. But divine wisdom, being different from human wisdom because it is divine, comes through the grace of God, who gives it to those who have shown that they are able to receive it.”

later in the same passage

“Divine wisdom, then, being different from faith, is the first of the so-called charismata of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 13 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 12, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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11 “Without difference of sex, without distinction of years, without showing partiality, the gift of spiritual grace was poured out on all the people of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 17, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Grace is freely given but must be welcomed

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Cyprian says the grace received in baptism can grow or shrink by how we live. Chrysostom, a later writer, says grace saves the willing, not those who fight against it, and that grace stays with us if we do not scorn the gift. He describes this grace as forgiveness of sins and cleansing.

12 "Certainly the same spiritual grace, which believers receive equally in baptism, is afterward either increased or diminished in our way of life and conduct."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 17, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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13 "For grace, though it is grace, saves the willing, not those who do not want it and turn away from it, who keep fighting against it and opposing themselves to it."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Romans* (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 25, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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14 "But how does grace come to be with us? It is with us if we do not insult this benefit, and if we do not become lazy about the gift. And what is this grace? It is the forgiveness of sins and cleansing."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Hebrews* 34 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 26, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These passages explain grace in English and do not give a full Greek word study of every place charis appears.
- They do not show that charis itself means thanks, even though the writers urge thanksgiving in response to grace.
- Several of the fullest explanations come from Chrysostom, a later fourth-century writer.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 27 early Christian passages and 246 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–27, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 28–135, in Bible order), then 138 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *27 passages from 15 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · source 1*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* **Quote 1, page 2** resurrection and retribution. I urge you who are leaders, if you will accept any counsel from my goodwill, have among yourselves those to whom you may show kindness: do not… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · source 2*

2 *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* "grace of the Lord will reward him in all things… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 3*

3 *Hortatory Address to the Greeks* (on point 5) anyone carefully considers the gift that comes from God to holy people—which the sacred prophets call the Holy Ghost—they will find that Plato referred to this gift by… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *Against Heresies: Book III* **Quote 5, page 3** angel Gabriel was sent from God, who said to the virgin, 'Do not fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God.'" And he says about the Lord: "He shall… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Against Heresies: Book I* "we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.") Thus, then, does he [according… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 6–7*

6 *Stromata* 1.7 (1885 English; on point 2) "the teaching of piety is a gift, but faith is grace… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "Peter 5:10 Of all grace, he says, because He is good, and the giver of all good things… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 8–9*

8 *Apology* 21 (on point 3) we must say a few things about Christ's divinity. In former times the Jews enjoyed much of God's favor, when the fathers of their race were known for… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Against Marcion* 8 (on point 5) "gave gifts to the sons of men," that is, the gratuities, which we call charismata… [continues online] **read ›**

Early Liturgies, *c. 200–400 AD · source 10*

10 *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 (on point 5) "us the grace and gift of the All-holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

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Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 11–13*

11 *Commentary on John* 6 (on point 4) But in this he is not sound. He himself allows the words, "Of His fullness we all received, and grace for grace; for the law was given by Moses, but… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Against Celsus* 13 (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 4** "wisdom, accordingly, being different from faith, is the first of the so-called charismata of God… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Against Celsus* 31 "grace be with me, O father, let grace be with me… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 14–15*

14 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (on point 5) "another the working of miracles; to another prophecy… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Four Homilies* **Quote 6, page 3** "Therefore the angel rightly said first of all to Mary the holy Virgin, "Hail, you who are highly favored, the Lord is with you," since the full treasure of grace was stored up with her." **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 16*

16 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 29 (on point 5) "is He who places prophets in the Church, instructs teachers, directs tongues, gives powers and healings, does wonderful… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 17*

17 *Epistles* (1885 English) **Quotes 11, 12, pages 4, 5** "difference of sex, without distinction of years, without accepting of persons, upon all the people of God the gift of spiritual grace was shed… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 18–19*

18 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 5) For otherwise there is no one who has believed in God through Christ who has not received some spiritual gift. For this very thing, that he has been delivered from… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 4) You have chosen by Him for the glory of Your name. Sanctify our body and soul, and grant us the favor of being made pure from all filthiness of flesh… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · sources 20–21*

20 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (1885 English; on point 5) "that capacity which you possess is God's gift, inasmuch as God bestows these gifts upon those who are worthy of them, and who are His friends, and who show… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (on point 4) the holy John, the greatest of the evangelists, also tells us of the giving and diffusing of grace for grace… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · sources 22–26*

22 *Homilies on John* 14 **Quotes 4, 9, pages 3, 4** "If they were chosen by God not because of their own good deeds, then it is clear that they received this honor by grace. And we too are all saved by grace, but not in the same way." **read ›**

23 *Homilies on Acts* **Quote 7, page 3** "How did they have favor with all the people? Because of their almsdeeds." **read ›**

24 *Homilies on John* 14 **Quote 8, page 4** "What have we received? "Grace for grace," he says. What grace in place of what grace? The new in place of the old." **read ›**

25 *Homilies on Romans* **Quote 13, page 5** "For grace, though it is grace, saves the willing, not those who do not want it and turn away from it, who keep fighting against it and opposing themselves to it." **read ›**

26 *Homilies on Hebrews* 34 **Quote 14, page 5** "But how does grace come to be with us? It is with us if we do not insult this benefit, and if we do not become lazy about the gift. And what is this grace? It is the forgiveness of sins and cleansing." **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 27*

27 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** him also [was descended] our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh… [continues online] **read ›**

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THE BIBLE *108 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

28 **Genesis 6:8** But Noah found grace before the Lord God. **read ›**

29 **Genesis 33:10** Jacob said, “If I have found favor in your sight, receive the gifts from my hands. For this reason I have seen your face, as one might see the face of God, and you will be pleased with me. **read ›**

30 **Genesis 33:11** Take my blessings that I have brought to you, because God has had mercy on me, and I have all things.” And Jacob urged him, and he took them. **read ›**

31 **Genesis 34:11** Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, “May I find favor in your sight; and whatever you say, we will give. **read ›**

32 **Genesis 43:14** May my God give you favor before the man, and may he send back your other brother, and Benjamin. For as for me, as I have lost my children, so I have lost them.” **read ›**

33 **Genesis 48:16** the angel who delivers me from all evils, bless these boys; and my name shall be called upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and may they grow into a great multitude on the earth.” **read ›**

34 **Exodus 23:8** And you shall not accept gifts; for gifts blind the eyes of those who see and corrupt righteous words. **read ›**

35 **Ruth 2:13** Then she said, “May I find favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and have spoken kindly to your slave; and behold, I shall be like one of your maidservants.” **read ›**

36 **1 Samuel 25:27** And now accept this blessing which your slave has brought to my lord, and give it to the young men who attend my lord. **read ›**

37 **1 Chronicles 16:10** Give praise in his holy name; the heart that seeks his good pleasure shall rejoice. **read ›**

38 **1 Chronicles 29:13** And now, O Lord, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. **read ›**

39 **Ezra 2:9** The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty. **read ›**

40 **Ezra 8:4** of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliana the son of Seraiah, and with him two hundred males; **read ›**

41 **Esther 2:15** And when the time was fulfilled for Esther the daughter of Amminadab, the brother of Mordecai’s father, to go in to the king, she neglected nothing of what the eunuch, the keeper of the women, commanded; for Esther found favor in the sight of all who looked at her. **read ›**

42 **Job 10:8** Your hands formed me and made me; after this you turned and struck me. **read ›**

43 **Job 16:1** Then Job answered and said: **read ›**

44 **Psalms 26:7** to hear the voice of praise and to tell of all your marvels. (Septuagint Psalm 25:7 (Psalm 26:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

45 **Psalms 95:2** Let us come before his face with thanksgiving, and shout aloud to him with psalms. (Septuagint Psalm 94:2 (Psalm 95:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

46 **Psalms 100:4** Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, into his courts with hymns; give thanks to him, praise his name. (Septuagint Psalm 99:4 (Psalm 100:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

47 **Psalms 107:22** And let them offer to him the sacrifice of praise, and proclaim his works with great joy. (Septuagint Psalm 106:22 (Psalm 107:22 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

48 **Psalms 147:7** Lead the song to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise to our God with the lyre, (Septuagint Psalm 146:7 (Psalm 147:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

49 **Proverbs 4:24** Remove a crooked mouth from yourself, and put unrighteous lips far from you. **read ›**

50 **Proverbs 10:24** The ungodly is carried about in destruction, but the desire of the righteous is acceptable. **read ›**

51 **Proverbs 11:24** There are some who scatter their own and increase it; and there are also some who gather and have less. **read ›**

52 **Ecclesiastes 1:2** “Vanity of vanities,” said the Preacher, “vanity of vanities; all is vanity.” **read ›**

53 **Ecclesiastes 1:3** What advantage does a man have in all his labor at which he labors under the sun? **read ›**

54 **Ecclesiastes 1:11** There is no remembrance of the former things; and indeed, of the later things that have come to be, there will be no remembrance among those who will come at the last. **read ›**

55 **Jeremiah 23:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

56 **Lamentations 1:6** Waw. And from the daughter of Zion all her majesty has been taken away; her rulers became like rams that find no pasture, and they went on without strength before the pursuer. **read ›**

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57 **Lamentations 1:14** Nun. Watch has been kept over my ungodly deeds; they are twined together in my hands; they have come up upon my neck; my strength has failed; for the Lord has put pains in my hands; I shall not be able to stand. **read ›**

58 **Daniel 3:4** And the herald cried aloud, “O peoples, tribes, and languages, to you it is commanded: **read ›**

59 **Daniel 12:2** And many of those who sleep in the mound of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to disgrace and to everlasting shame. **read ›**

60 **Amos 7:14** And Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but I was a goatherd and a scraper of sycamore figs; **read ›**

61 **1 Esdras 2:9** and those around them helped in everything, with silver and gold, horses and cattle, and very many vows from many whose minds were stirred. **read ›**

62 **1 Esdras 3:21** and it makes all hearts rich, and one remembers neither king nor satrap; and it makes everyone talk in talents. **read ›**

63 **1 Esdras 5:60** and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, singing hymns to the Lord and blessing him according to David king of Israel. **read ›**

64 **1 Esdras 8:4** The king gave him glory, for Ezra found favor before the king in all his requests. **read ›**

65 **Tobit 1:13** And the Most High gave me favor and a good presence before Enemessar, and I was his buyer. **read ›**

66 **Tobit 8:16** Blessed are you, because you have made me glad, and it has not happened to me as I suspected; but you have dealt with us according to your great mercy. **read ›**

67 **Tobit 8:17** Blessed are you, because you have had mercy on two who were only children. Show them mercy, O Master; bring their life to its end in health, with gladness and mercy.” **read ›**

68 **Tobit 11:17** And Tobit gave thanks before him, because God had had mercy on them. And when Tobit came near to Sarah his daughter-in-law, he blessed her, saying, “Welcome, and may you be in good health, daughter! Blessed is God, who has brought you to us; and blessed are your father and your mother!” And there was joy among all his brothers in Nineveh. **read ›**

69 **Judith 10:8** “May God, the God of our fathers, grant you favor and bring your plans to completion, to the pride of the children of Israel and the exaltation of Jerusalem.” And she worshiped God, **read ›**

70 **Judith 16:1** Then Judith began this thanksgiving before all Israel, and all the people sang this praise after her. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:14** For she is an unfailing treasure for men; those who use it gain friendship with God, commended by the gifts that come from discipline. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:5** He who honors his father will be gladdened by children, and on the day of his prayer he will be heard. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:8** Honor your father in deed and word, that a blessing may come upon you from him. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:9** For the blessing of a father establishes the houses of children, but the curse of a mother uproots foundations. **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:17** The gift of the Lord remains with the godly, and his good pleasure will prosper forever. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:28** From the dead, as from one who does not exist, thanksgiving perishes; the one who is alive and well will praise the Lord. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:17** Behold, is not a word better than a good gift? And both are found with a gracious man. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:13** The grace of a wife delights her husband, and her knowledge will fatten his bones. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 32:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Sirach 37:17** The trace of a change of heart: **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Sirach 37:21** for grace was not given him from the Lord, because he was deprived of all wisdom. **read ›**

82 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:17** Grace is like a garden in blessings, and an act of mercy endures forever. **read ›**

83 **Wisdom of Sirach 42:3** of reckoning with a partner and with travelers, and of giving the inheritance of companions; **read ›**

84 **1 Maccabees 4:24** On their return they sang hymns and blessed the Lord toward heaven, for it is good, for his mercy is forever. **read ›**

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85 **1 Maccabees 10:24** I too will write to them words of encouragement, of honor, and of gifts, so that they may be with me to help me." **read ›**

86 **1 Maccabees 11:24** He took silver and gold and clothing and many other gifts, and went to the king at Ptolemais, and he found favor in his sight. **read ›**

87 **1 Maccabees 15:34** Now that we have the opportunity, we are holding firmly to the inheritance of our fathers. **read ›**

88 **2 Maccabees 1:2** May God do good to you, and may he remember his covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, his faithful slaves. **read ›**

89 **2 Maccabees 1:3** May he give you all a heart to worship him and to do his will with a great heart and a willing soul. **read ›**

90 **2 Maccabees 1:30** Then the priests sang the hymns. **read ›**

91 **2 Maccabees 9:20** If you and your children are well and your own affairs are as you wish, I give the greatest thanks to God, having my hope in heaven. **read ›**

92 **2 Maccabees 10:38** When they had accomplished these things, with hymns and thanksgiving they blessed the Lord, who shows great kindness to Israel and gives them the victory. **read ›**

93 **2 Maccabees 11:35** With regard to what Lysias the king's kinsman has granted you, we also give our consent. **read ›**

94 **2 Maccabees 12:31** they thanked the Scythopolitans and urged them to be well disposed to their race in the future also; and they came to Jerusalem, the Feast of Weeks being close at hand. **read ›**

95 **3 Maccabees 3:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

96 **3 Maccabees 6:32** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

97 **3 Maccabees 7:16** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

98 **3 Maccabees 7:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

99 **1 Enoch 1:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

100 **1 Enoch 1:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

101 **1 Enoch 14:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

102 **1 Enoch 49:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

103 **1 Enoch 69:24** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

104 **Mark 2:5** Jesus, seeing their faithfulness, said to the paralyzed man, "Child, your sins are forgiven you." **read ›**

105 **John 1:16** And from his fullness we have all received, even grace for grace. **read ›**

106 **Acts 11:2** When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, **read ›**

107 **Acts 24:3** we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. **read ›**

108 **Romans 3:24** being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **read ›**

109 **Romans 5:15** But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. **read ›**

110 **Romans 9:5** of whom are the fathers, and from whom is Christ as concerning the flesh, who is over all, God, blessed forever. Amen. **read ›**

111 **1 Corinthians 1:3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **read ›**

112 **1 Corinthians 1:4** I always thank my God for you, for the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus, **read ›**

113 **1 Corinthians 1:7** so that you lack no gift as you eagerly await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, **read ›**

114 **1 Corinthians 10:30** If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced for something I give thanks for? **read ›**

115 **1 Corinthians 12:1** Now concerning spiritual things, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. **read ›**

116 **1 Corinthians 12:4** Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. **read ›**

117 **1 Corinthians 12:7** But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the profit of all. **read ›**

118 **1 Corinthians 12:8** For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **read ›**

119 **1 Corinthians 12:9** to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, **read ›**

120 **1 Corinthians 14:1** Pursue love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. **read ›**

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121 **2 Corinthians 9:11** you being enriched in everything for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us. **read ›**

122 **2 Corinthians 9:15** Now thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! **read ›**

123 **Galatians 1:3** Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, **read ›**

124 **Ephesians 1:2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **read ›**

125 **Ephesians 1:6** to the praise of the glory of his grace, with which he graced us in the Beloved. **read ›**

126 **Ephesians 2:8** for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **read ›**

127 **Ephesians 4:7** But to each one of us, the grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. **read ›**

128 **1 Thessalonians 3:9** For what thanksgiving can we give again to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sakes before our God, **read ›**

129 **1 Timothy 1:2** to Timothy, my true child in faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. **read ›**

130 **1 Timothy 1:14** And the grace of our Lord overflowed with faithfulness and the love that is in Christ Jesus. **read ›**

131 **Titus 1:4** to Titus, my true child according to a common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior. **read ›**

132 **Titus 2:11** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, **read ›**

133 **1 Peter 4:10** As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms. **read ›**

134 **2 Peter 1:7** and in godliness, brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. **read ›**

135 **2 John 1:3** Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. **read ›**

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