

Mercy Series: **The Meaning Of Grace**

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**I. Giving**

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**II. The Giver Of Grace**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:8-11

v. 8-9

Least Of The Apostles

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v. 10-11

A Worthwhile Investment

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**III. Bearers of Grace**

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**Personal Reflection**

*Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:*

*Grace means different things to different people. Some view it as mere consideration of another person's feelings or wishes. Others understand grace to be an extension of charity or mercy that is rare & found only in the most generous & virtuous individuals. The clearest & best example of grace is found in God's Word.*

*Grace is the free & unmerited favor of God. It is not deserved & cannot be earned. A recipient of God's grace has been blessed from the riches of His love & goodness that knows no limit.*

*Salvation, the greatest of all blessings, is by grace through faith. It cannot be earned or kept through human effort. When a person places their faith & trust in Christ, they are permanently adopted into the family of God. This adoption creates a bond that has been forged in mercy and is sustained by unfailing grace. In the same way that mercy means freedom, grace ultimately means blessing—first in the Lord's bestowing of eternal life & second in the blessings of goodness that He grants to His people.*

*Have you placed your faith & trust in God? Have you been saved by His grace? If so, consider for a moment how you have benefited from the grace of God. Are you maturing in faith to such a degree that God's grace is flowing through you? How has the grace you have been shown translated into grace that you are willing to extend to those around you?*

*Prayerfully reflect on the grace God has shown you throughout your life. Ask Him to bring to mind those times in which your need was great, your situation was desperate and His grace came to the rescue. Express thankfulness for His generosity & provision. Praise His unfailing love & goodness.*