

THE ATTRIBUTES SERIES - Part XI

“God is Grace”

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Definition: Grace from God is God giving us something we **don't deserve**.

Reference: **Psalm 86:15; II Timothy 2:1; I Peter 5:10** (see screen)

Grace from God fits into three basic categories:

ONE...**Common** grace

Reference: **Psalm 145:9; Matthew 5:45; Titus 2:11** (see screen)

Definition: Common grace is the undeserved divine goodness that is available to all men and especially that primary grace that enables our will to **cooperate** with God in accepting salvation.

TWO... **Saving** (salvific) grace

Reference: **Ephesians 1:7-8; 2:8-9** (see screen)

GRACE represents:

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Definition: Saving grace is God's free salvation offered to us, on the basis of what Christ did, apart from **anything** we might be able to do. This saving or salvific grace also then enables us to receive that salvation.

THREE... **Sustaining** grace

Definition: Sustaining grace is this energizing force from God inside of us that **maintains** our salvation and **enables** us to meet the expectations God has for us as Christians.

God's grace doesn't stop at our salvation, but that grace continues to go on to maintain our salvation and sustain us throughout our Christian experience.

Here are two examples:

- Sustaining grace enables us to **serve**.
Reference: **Mark 10:45; Hebrews 12:28; I Corinthians 15:10** (see screen)
- Sustaining grace enables us to **survive**.
References: **Hebrews 4:16; Galatians 6:11; II Corinthians 12:8, 9** (see screen)