

# Graced With Grace Part 1

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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother you need the Word.

Well, we welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or Facebook Live. Welcome to today's service. Always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us. We'd like to share just a little humour, a naughty little boy had been sent to the corner doing Sunday school and after a while he approached the teacher telling her that he had thought things over and asked God for help. That was wise of you said the teacher. I'm sure God heard your prayer and we'll help you stop misbehaving. Oh, I didn't ask him to help me. The boy replied. I asked Him to help you put up with me.

Well, I want to read some scriptures over in the Gospel of John the Gospel of John. We'll read out in quite a few scriptures in different places but we'll start off in the Gospel of John. Gospel of John Chapter One, The Gospel of John Chapter One and we'll Verse 1 and will read Verse 14 and we'll also read verse 16 John 1:1, John 14 and John 16. And let's begin reading there with Verse 1. We can read it together in unison. That says in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the Word was God. And then dropped down to Verse 14, we pick up with the same thought and it says, and the word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

And then Verse 16, it picks up on that same thought and remember now he's full of grace and truth and then in Verse 16 it picks up on the thought saying and of his fullness have all we received and grace for grace and I just want to use as a subject graced with grace. Graced with Grace. The Bible actually tells

us here but I take you somewhere else later but it actually tells us that we've been graced with a grace. Graced with grace. You know when you think of the word "graced" one context you normally hear the word is when someone important shows up at an event and people say we are so grateful that you graced us with your presence and so "graced" you know in that context graced means that you blessed us with your presence, you did us a favor you did us a favor by showing up or you showed us a kindness that was kind of you to show up, oh you treated us. You made us special. You treated us by showing up or you allowed us to enjoy your presence and so that's what we use the term "graced" when someone graces us with their present those are some of the terms that it means that we will bless or favour was done. Kindness was done. We were made feel special. We were allowed to enjoy and so this is what grace is, grace -- but we've been graced with grace itself. We've been graced with grace itself. So we've been blessed with grace. We've been -- a favor has been done to us and we received this grace. A kindness has been done for us and we received this grace. We've been made special.

We've been allowed to enjoy this gift of grace. Grace is a gift. Grace is a gift. It's not something you work for. It's not something you earn. It's simply a gift that you receive. We receive this grace and because it's a gift it leaves us of nothing to boast of in and of ourselves because it's a gift. It's a gift that was given. So if someone gave you enough money to pay all your bills off. You have nothing to boast of. That was a gift.

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You did not think you just received a gift you were blessed somebody bless you and allowed you to do that. And so actually when you receive it, you're actually humbled by the gift because you know it wasn't you. It wasn't your ability it wasn't by your means it wasn't because anything you did you simply received the gift and it bless your life. That's what grace does. Grace is a gift we received. We didn't do anything. We didn't deserve it. We did not earn it. We received the blessing. We have been graced with grace. We've been graced with grace. Now, in this text that we are looking at, it says, Jesus when the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the father, He was full of grace and truth. And that word grace there is favor is loving kindness and truth.

So He was full of favor loving kindness and truth. Favor, and I knew that grace was God's unmerited favor but I never knew that it was also his loving kindness. It's His loving kindness. Love is a part of that grace. In fact, the reason God gives us a gift is because he loves us so much. It's His love that leads to the grace. He loves us so much. He graces us. He gives us grace. He gives us grace because of His love so Grace is favors unmerited favor its favour and is also loving kindness as Gods loving kindness. That's His grace. That His grace, His loving kindness. You find in the Old Testament that's really what it was called. It was called mercy under the Old Covenant grace is really mercy it's "Hesed" in the Hebrew which is unfailing love. Covenant love that's his loving kindness. That's His Grace. That's His Grace. Now, I love Him Verse 16, and love His fullness, so Jesus came full of this grace. Now, when it says full, full it's actually translated super abundance. Jesus was full super abundant. This is not a small measure of grace. He's full of it. Super abundance of grace. And you don't have to worry about using it up. Can't use it up as inexhaustible. It would be like a fish swimming in the ocean afraid to drink water because it might deplete the ocean, no the fish don't have to worry about depleting the ocean. He could drink as much as they want, it won't deplete the ocean.

That's where God's grace is. We're in God's grace. You don't have to worry about depleting it. You don't have to worry about it will be like you're going outside and you take shallow breaths because you don't want to deplete all the oxygen in the atmosphere. No, you can breathe as deep and long as you want to. You won't deplete the Earth's atmosphere of oxygen and so that's the way God's grace is. He was full of super abundance of grace. He was full of grace. And then in Verse 16 and says enough his fullness of this full supply and this abundance have all we received and then it goes on to say and grace for grace.

And grace for grace. Notice it repeats it and grace for grace. When you study it out another translation is actually saying and grace upon grace upon grace upon grace and gift upon gift and blessing upon blessing and favor upon favor. We've received all of this over and over again. We received it out of the fullness of Christ Jesus. We've been graced after grace. We've received grace after grace. I thought about as a man I said, man, why are we receiving so much grace? Because you've sinned probably

three or four times yesterday. And guess what, you sinned probably three or four times a day.

So that's grace. So notice you received one supply of grace when you were born again but now you're getting grace after grace because you've sinned since you've been born again.

You've sinned yesterday. You've sinned the day. God forbid you sin tomorrow. But just in case you do, there's grace for tomorrow. That's why the Bible says His mercy is a new every morning. His grace after grace after grace after grace after grace. So, notice this thing is actually in the present tense. We have received of his fullness. We are continually receiving from Christ grace after grace after grace after grace, blessing after blessing, favor after favor, gift after gift. Everyday we're receiving new gifts. Every day, when you are able to open your eyes.

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Every day, when you're able to breath or take a step, that's another grace, it's one grace after another, when you have. When you have something to eat, that's a grace. When you have something to wear, that's another grace. It's grace after grace after grace. When your children are taking care, that's another grace. When you have friends and loved ones, that's another grace. When you're able to move your body, that's another grace. It's grace after grace after grace after grace. We'll continually receiving from this grace. It's a never present continually throwing super abundant grace that we are drawing from Jesus came, he was full of grace.

He was full of grace and of his grace of his fullness, we have received and are receiving grace after grace, blessing after blessing, favor after favor, gift after gift is continually pouring into our lives. Grace after grace, think about this. Grace after grace. We received his name, that's a grace. We have risen to the name of Jesus, that's a grace but that's not all you received, you also received the power of his blood. You can plead the blood of Jesus over your life and over your family, that's another grace and there's a start right there, you received the Holy Spirit, that's another grace. Notice this it's a grace after grace after grace, you received an anointing from the Holy One who abides only inside of you, you received an unction from the Holy

One who abides on the inside of you who teaches you all things, that's another grace you received his word, you received his word, you received his precious promises, that's another grace, you received the blood covenant. As a covenant, covenant with Abraham, this covenant also was cut with Christ Jesus and you have been a fiduciary of that covenant, that's another grace, that's another grace. You've also received the ministry of angels, that's another grace. On top of that, you've also received love, you received joy, you received peace, you received goodness, gentleness, meekness, temperance, patience, against us there is no law, that's another grace after grace after grace after grace. You've also received the word and knowledge or the wisdom, working of miracles, gifts of healing, tongues, interpretation of tongue, prophecy, discerning of spirit, and a gift of special faith, those are grace, grace, grace, grace, grace, grace, grace, grace, it's grace after grace, after grace, after grace, after grace,

You've received righteousness, you received righteousness and you're the righteousness of God. Christ Jesus who knew no sin was made to be sin for us that we might be made the very righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. We are the righteousness of God, that's a grace, you can't boast about it because you didn't do anything to receive that, that's a gift, it's a grace of his fullness, we have received, we have been graced with grace, it's of his fullness we've received righteousness. You received the wisdom of God. We have the wisdom of God. Jesus is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

We've received all of these things. We've received wisdom. We've not only received righteousness but we received the wisdom of God. We've received the grace of God, we've received the blessing of God, that's another grace. We've received the favor of God, that's another grace. We've received the goodness of God, that's another grace. We've received the life of God, that's another grace. We've received the mercy of God, that's another grace. We've received the kindness of God, that's another grace. We're blessed with all of Abraham's blessing, that's another grace. Everything that belongs Abraham, we are heirs according to the promise, that's another grace. We're the head not the tail, that's another grace. We are above and not beneath, that's another grace. We are lenders and not borrowers, that's another grace. We are blessed company and it going out, that's another grace. All of these are grace, after grace, after grace, blessing after blessing, favor after favor, gift

heaped upon gift, that's what we have received from him. We've received all of this and so this is a grace that we've been graced with and we are continually receiving every day, it's grace after grace, grace after grace. Just when you think God can't do any more for you, he does something else, that's another grace.

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Just when you think you've seen all of His goodness, he'll do something to us. He'll surprise you with some good, that's His grace again, that's His grace. Just when you are in trouble, He protected you, that's another grace. How many of you have been in car accident, where you could have been killed? It's another grace. How many car accidents have you avoided because of His grace as another grace, another grace. How many of you haven't been shot, that's a grace, that's a grace, that's a grace, that's a grace, that's a grace. How many of you have been shot and yet you live, that's a grace, that's a grace. Even if you were shot and you didn't live and you went to heaven, that's a grace, that's a grace folks as grace after grace. Why is God so good? I can't explain. He's just good. Just comes out of his goodness. It comes out of his goodness. God graces us because he wants to.

I read something let me see if I have it in my backpack, hold on. This is by a – see, listen, you have always kept something in your backpack. This is good. This is good. But (00:16:10) told you and said this – he said grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines him to bestow benefits upon the underserving. It's a good pleasure of God that inclines him to bestow benefits upon the undeserved, nothing more than just because he is so good, he just can't help himself. He just want to be good because he's good, that's so real, he wants to be good because he's good and when we're underserving is not based on our merit, it's based on because he is so overflowing with goodness and grace that it swallows up our undeserving, it swallows it up and he graces us any way. It's a gift. We didn't earn it. We didn't deserve it. It's a gift, it's a gift.

I remember reading the story of Mayor La Guardia, who was a mayor in New York at one time, and he decided to sit on the night court. He said, he sent the judge home gave him a night after, he decided to be the judge at the night court and they brought an old lady in who had been cult. She had stolen a loafer bread and when he listened to her case, she said, "Mayor,

I was trying to help my daughter. My daughter is sick. She has a couple of young kids and they have nothing to eat” and she said, “I stole a loaf of bread so that we could eat” and when the mayor heard that, he said, “Ma’am” he said, “Because I have to protect the law, you must be penalized, you got to pay the penalty” and so he placed the 10 dollars fine. He said, “I got to do that to protect the integrity of the law, you must be punished” and so I’m going to have to fine you 10 dollars. Then, he pulled his wallet out and he paid the 10 dollars fine. Folks that’s grace, that’s grace. By the law standard, we are all to be punished by death and so God had to punish the sin, God had to punish sin because if he hadn’t done that, he would have been unjust. He couldn’t break his own laws, he couldn’t break his own integrity of who he is, he had to punish sin and the penalty of sin is death and so God says, “I got to punish the sin and so He, Himself paid the price. He died in our place. That satisfied the justice of the law and we walked away as recipients of his grace, that’s a grace of God. That’s what grace has done for us. We were undeserving as a gift. It’s out of God’s goodness. God is so good. He can’t help himself. He gave himself for us. He loved us so much.

Galatians says that Jesus loves us so much. Man, He just gave Himself for us. He gave Himself for us. Isaiah says that we are so special and we are loved by Him and we are special in His sight, grace, grace. We’ve been graced. We’ve been graced with grace.

Think about this, you know, I just kept thinking about. I can’t get it off my mind. The Holy Spirit was just dealing with me. He said this grace after grace He said think about. He said think about it. He said everyday I’m available to lead you he said, that’s a grace. He said everyday I’m available to guide you, that’s a grace. He said every day you can listen to my voice, you can spend time with me, you can feel assured, he said that’s a grace. This is grace after grace, after grace, after grace. He said everyday I’m blessing, that’s a grace. Everyday I’m healing you, that’s a grace. Every day, every day is grace after grace, after grace, after grace. His life in us is constantly giving us grace. His life in us -- think about it. God is only inside of us. Grace is constantly outpouring because he is so full of grace. He is constantly outpouring in our lives and I’m going to stop right hear. I didn’t get nearly where I want to get to but man that is grace. That is grace, it’s grace after grace.

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When I was lying on my bed one day and I don't know for some reason I felt the grace of God just wrap me, I felt the grace of God just wrap me up and all of a sudden, I knew that I was forgiven of my sins. All of a sudden, I knew that I was in righteousness of God and Christ of Jesus. All of a sudden, I knew I was the son, an heir, joining with Jesus. All of a sudden, I knew I was made alive with Christ and raised up within a seated together with Him in heavenly places. All of a sudden, I knew all of this and I felt it and experienced and I knew it and at the same time I wanted to say I'm undeserving. He said, "That's my grace." That's my grace. I experienced His grace. And the way you treat grace is a gift, you receive it. You don't frustrate the grace of God by condemning yourself and beating yourself up. No. You simply -- you repent of your sins, you received His grace and you received His righteousness. You received His love. You received your sonship. You received your inheritance. You received who you are in Christ Jesus. It's a grace that has been given and all of a sudden, I received that grace.

It's the same grace where the woman was taken in adultery and they were stoning and Jesus, He said, "Woman, where are your accusers?" And she said, "I have been." He said, "Neither do I accuse you." That was the grace of God. She had to receive that grace. It was so good she didn't even understand it. There was a grace of God. This is grace after grace, after grace.

And this is why Paul says, I don't frustrate the grace of God. I don't try to earn it on my own righteousness or my own merit because he can never measure it up, it could never do the job. Neither do I beat myself up when I missed it. I understand the grace of God and the price that has been paid for my righteousness and for who I am today so I don't frustrate the grace of God, I simply receive it with a grateful heart and this what gives us humility because we know we didn't earn, we didn't deserve it, yet he gave it to us and did it for us anyway. Praise God. That's grace. Grace. He has graced us with grace.

I'm going to stop right there. I'm not done. I'm just stopping. I'm not done. This is so good. It's so good because this is goodness of God. It's the love of God. It's the grace of God and

He has graced us with grace. Jesus Christ came full of grace. Truth enough of his fullness of this super abundance we have received and we are receiving. It's a continual grace that's at work in us at all times. Just learn to say throughout the day, Father, I received your grace. When you don't think you can go on, Father, I received your grace. Remember when you don't think you can go on in your strength, you're like the little fish in the ocean thinking that you might drink all the water, you won't. His grace is sufficient. His grace is far above your need, the way the ocean is above that little fish. It is sufficient. Drink all you want. Take in all you want. His grace is sufficient. When you feel weak, just rest in his sufficiency. His grace is sufficient for me.

So, throughout the day just learn to say, Father, thank you for your grace. Thank you for making me righteous. Thank you for healing me. Thank you for delivering me. Thank you that I am a son. Thank you that I'm an heir, a daughter of God, a child of God. Thank you for your grace. I received it right now. Thank you for the grace of protection. Thank you for the grace that covers my family. Thank you for the grace. Father, thank you for your grace. Thank Him for His grace because He has graced us with grace. That's why Jesus came. Jesus is literally the grace of God manifested in the flesh. He is the grace of God. Grace is a person. He is the grace of God manifested in the flesh.

We were probably continued studying in this grace with grace. Because man it's an inexhaustible supply, we have been graced for grace. And this grace keeps you humble because it's not from you. It's nothing you've done. It's out of the goodness of God. Because of you belong to. It's His grace. He chose to do you good. He chose to forgive you. He chose to die in your place. It's His grace, it's His grace, it's His grace. And when you want to be mean to others, you got to stop before you mean others because you guys, wait a minute, I'm a recipient of His grace. I'm a recipient of His grace and that grace began flowing out of your life, began to flowing out of your life to others. Praise God. Amen.

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