

## Grace to Walk in Truth

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### Text

**Psa 25:1 A Psalm of David.** *Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.*

*Psa 25:2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.*

*Psa 25:3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.*

*Psa 25:4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.*

*Psa 25:5 **Lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation;** on thee do I wait all the day.*

*Psa 25:6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.*

*Psa 25:7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.*

*Psa 25:8 Good and upright is the LORD: therefore, will he teach sinners in the way.*

*Psa 25:9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.*

*Psa 25:10 **All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.***

*Psa 25:11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.*

*Psa 25:12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.*

*Psa 25:13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.*

*Psa 25:14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.*

### I. **Law vs Grace & Truth?**

Many preachers, especially the hyper-faith/prosperity types are fond of using Jn 1:17 to contrast the Old Covenant with the New:

**Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

- a. **The law was not from Moses but from YAHWEH conveyed through Moses**
- b. **The New Covenant is not a lawless one but one where the Law [Torah] is inscribed on hearts and minds and not tablets of stone:**

**Heb 8:8** *For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:*

*Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.*

**Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:**

*Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*

## **II. New Heart, New Spirit & Holy Spirit**

*Eze 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.*

*Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*

**Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.**

**Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.**

- a. The New Covenant provides for a new heart, new spirit [born of the Spirit]
- b. The Holy Spirit is given to enable us to obey His Torah
- c. We are given power to become children of Elohim:

***Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:***

*Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

## **III. Torah, Grace & Truth**

**Psa 25:10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**Psa 119:142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.**

*Psa 119:150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.*

*Psa 119:151 Thou art near, O LORD; and **all thy commandments are truth.***

**These verses show that Torah, Grace, Mercy & Truth belong together**

## **IV. The English Word “Grace”**

Preachers like Joseph Prince say grace means “unmerited favour” but the English word really means:

1. Elegance or beauty of form, manner, motion or action.
2. Mercy; clemency; pardon

## **V. The Hebrew Word for “Grace”**

The Hebrew word for Grace is Chen, derived from a root word “chanan”

Gen 6:8 But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD.

**H2580:** chên

khane

From H2603; graciousness, that is, subjectively (**kindness, favor**) or objectively (beauty): - favour, **grace** (-ious), pleasant, precious, [well-] favoured.

**H2603:** chānan [as in **Exo 34:6**]

khaw-nan'

A primitive root (compare H2583); properly to bend or stoop in **kindness** to an inferior; **to favor**, bestow; causatively to implore (that is, move to favor by petition): - beseech, X fair, (be, find, shew) favour (-able), be (deal, give, grant (gracious (-ly), intreat, **(be) merciful**, have (shew) mercy (on, upon), have pity upon, pray, make supplication, X very.

**Exo 34:5** And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

**Exo 34:6** And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, **merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.**

**Exo 34:7** Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

**Note:**

- a. the word gracious is channun, derived from chanan.
- b. Grace, mercy, long-suffering and truth are YAHWEH's attributes
- c. Other Hebrew meanings of “chen” include, precious, beauty and “camp” as tents providing a wall of protection. [<https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/studies-words/meaning-of-grace-from-a-hebrew-perspective.htm>]

## VI. **“Charis”: The Greek Word for “Grace”**

**Eph 2:8** For by **grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

**Eph 2:9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**G5485:** charis

khari'-ece

From G5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; **especially the divine influence upon the heart**, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude): - acceptable, benefit, **favour, gift, grace** (-ious), joy liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

- a. Grace is favour from Elohim

- b. It is the Divine influence upon the heart to overcome lust, ungodliness and to live godly lives, to purify us from all iniquity:

*Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

*Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

*Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

*Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

- c. Power[strength] in weakness

*2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

## VII. Yahshua

When He came into this world 2000 years ago, Yahshua fulfilled all the Torah [truth] and paid the price that Elohim's justice required [law of sin & death] to give us eternal life [grace] and enabling us to obey YAHWEH.

*Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

## VIII. A Wonderful Definition of "Grace"

"God's Riches at Christ's Expense" given to us.