

## GRACE APPLIED TO THE ESSENCE OF GOD

1. God is free to pour grace blessings upon those who have satisfied His justice and righteousness by accepting Christ as Savior, Romans 5:6-10.
2. Grace plus Love of God - God can give to those who have accepted His Son as Savior. God loves His Son and if we are in His Son then He loves us. God loves us because we are “in Christ,” not because we are lovable.
  - A. God, as to His Essence, is love, 1 John 4:8 and He shows this love to those who belong to Him, 1 John 4:10; He shows His love through propitiation or being satisfied with Christ’s work on the cross for our sins.
  - B. God is also Justice - He shows His wrath to those who do not belong to Him through Christ, John 3:36. If the person refuses the propitious work of Christ (which satisfies the righteous and justice standards of God) then he is not loved by God. Love only comes through the cross of Christ, 1 John 4:15. If we confess that Jesus Christ is our Savior then God’s love is free to flow to us through the cross. The only way to dwell in God’s love is to be “in Christ” which satisfies God’s Justice, 1 John 4:16.
3. Grace plus Sovereignty of God means that God planned salvation through the cross so that He could bless the human race, Titus 3:5; Ephesians 1:3-7. God enjoys giving and He planned a way to give the human race more than they could ever gain on their own.
  - A. Man can never gain or earn God’s Grace.
  - B. Grace is foreign to man; he has to receive it from God. Along with grace comes the action of grace called mercy.
4. Grace plus Righteousness of God means that God was satisfied (propitiated) with Christ’s work on the cross. God gives us His righteousness so that we are able to be objects of His love and vessels of blessing in history, Titus 3:5; Romans 3:22-26.
5. Grace plus Justice of God means that God is fair, but He is also fair to Jesus Christ who bore our sins. Therefore, no unbeliever can enter into heaven unless he believes in the personal sacrifice of Jesus Christ on his behalf, Romans 4:1-5, 22-25; 5:1, 8-10, 12-19 to see the work of justice condemning unbelieving man and justifying believing man, faith is the key to salvation.

Romans 3:10 says “there is none righteous,” no, not even one person, so God has to impute righteousness to man through Christ when he believes. Romans 3:5 shows justice in action. God takes vengeance due to His justice and He is righteous in doing so for man is depraved, full of sin, and unrighteous. He must accept grace justice.

6. Grace plus Eternal Life, this means that God promises to give eternal life to anyone who accepts His Son as their Savior. They will receive eternal things and be compatible with eternal standards. Eternal life is not measured in years but rather in quality, John 3:16, 36. This is a grace gift from God when you have made the right adjustment in your thinking about Christ.
7. Grace plus Omnipotence of God means that God’s power is available to benefit mankind,
  - Ephesians 1:19, James 5:16, “operational prayer of a righteous man is effective,”
  - Romans 1:20; 1 Corinthians 5:4; 6:14; Ephesians 3:7, 20; Philippians 3:10; 1 Peter 1:5; Revelation 19:1.
  - The believer has to learn how to tap the power of God through doctrine. We have in us the power to change the world through the indwelling Spirit and we have to learn to tap that source. Doctrine tells us how, 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 15:19.
8. Grace plus Omnipresence of God—God is everywhere in His deity and He is aware of the condition of all souls at the same time. He knows who is available for blessing and who is not, Proverbs 15:3; Psalm 139:8; Matthew 28:18.
9. Grace plus Omniscience of God—God gives on the basis of how you will respond to Him when you receive it. He never gives to the uptight, legalistic believer who is arrogant, for he would only abuse the gift he received. If the believer has true maturity then he will be appreciative of the gift and praises God through doctrine, Hebrews 4:14; John 18:4; 1 Corinthians 2:11.
10. Grace plus Veracity of God—Every promise in the Bible is true and stays true because they are based on the veracity of God. God never lies, therefore the believer can enjoy applying promises and doctrines to his life for they will never change, John 7:28; 14:16-17; Deuteronomy 32:4.
11. Grace plus Immutability of God—means that God will never change from the way He is. He must be consistent with His own essence and never contradictory to Himself, Hebrews 6:17; 13:8; John 14:16.
  - The believer can relax knowing that God won’t suddenly change His plan and leave the believer without information. God stays with His perfect plan for there are no alterations needed in it.