




RUTLAND STREET CHURCH SERMON SERIES: GFG

GOOD FROM GOD,  
GOOD FOR US



A wooden cross stands on a rocky hilltop. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with large, glowing clouds. The foreground is dark and rocky.

*Grace is the power of God coming to us,  
not according to what we deserve,  
but according to what we need.'*

*(Unknown)*

***The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.***

***Revelation 22:21***



The word we translate as grace comes from the Greek word, '**Charis**'

Charis = *favour*

In the Bible we define grace as '**God's unmerited favour**'



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***Luke 4:22***

***All spoke well of Him and were amazed at the gracious (Charis) words that came from His lips.***



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*Titus 3: 5,7*

*He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy... having been justified by his grace (Charis),... having the hope of eternal life.*



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***2Cor. 12:9***

***"My grace (Charis) is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."***

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- 4. Our response to God's generosity (i.e. saying thank you).**

***1Cor. 15:57***

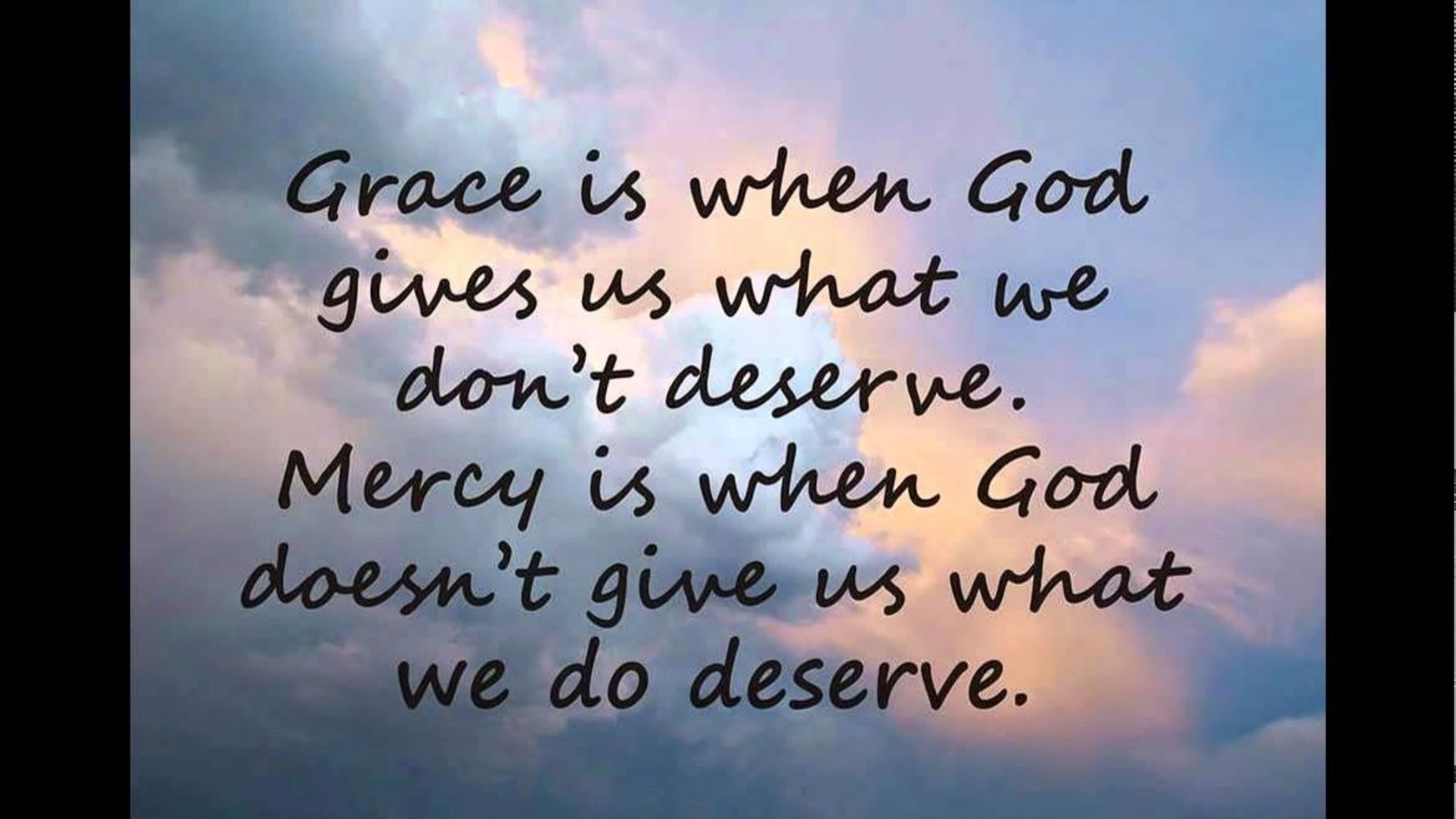
***But thanks (Charis) be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***





**G**od's  
**R**iches  
**A**t  
**C**hrist's  
**E**xpense





Grace is when God  
gives us what we  
don't deserve.

Mercy is when God  
doesn't give us what  
we do deserve.

7 truths the Bible teaches us about God's grace...

**1. God is grace**

**2. He has extended His grace to all humanity in the giving of His Son**

**3. God's grace offers salvation to all**

**4. As followers of Christ, God's grace lives in us by His indwelling Holy Spirit**

**5. Because God's grace lives in every believer, then all true believers will express this in their lives**

**6. God's grace is manifest to the world both in His providence and through the actions of His people**

**7. God's grace enables all Christians to live for Him in all circumstances**



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### ***2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NIV)***

***... we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,  
... now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.***



## ***Distorted views of God's grace...***

### ***1. Cheap grace***

***Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession...Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.***

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



## ***Distorted views of God's grace...***

### ***1. Cheap grace***

***Luke 13:3 (NIV)***

***...unless you repent, you too will all perish.***





## ***Distorted views of God's grace...***

- 1. Cheap grace***
- 2. Deluded grace***

### ***2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV)***

***And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.***



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- 3. Earned grace***

## ***Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)***

***<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.***



*Distorted views of God's grace...*

***...we are always challenging ourselves and one another to “try harder”. We seem to believe that success in the Christian life (however we define success) is basically up to us... We give lip service to the attitude of the apostle Paul, “But by the grace of God I am what I am” (1Cor. 15:10), but our unspoken motto is, “God helps those who help themselves.”***

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*Distorted views of God's grace...*

***... Having trusted in Christ alone for salvation, we have subtly and unconsciously reverted to a works relationship with God in our Christian lives. We recognize that even our best efforts cannot get us to heaven, but we do think they earn God's blessing in our daily lives.***

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- 5. Permissive grace***

### ***Jude v4 (NIV)***

***For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.***



***2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)***

***We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.***

***Romans 10:13-14 (NIV)***

***<sup>13</sup> ...“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”***

***<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?***



***Luke 15:2 (NIV)***

***But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered,  
“This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”***





## ***2 Corinthians 6:2 (GNT)***

***Hear what God says...***

***Listen! This is the hour to receive God's favour; today is the day to be saved!***

## ***Hebrews 3:15 L(TLB)***

***... now is the time. Never forget the warning, "Today if you hear God's voice speaking to you, do not harden your hearts against Him..."***

