

## Grace word study

### Old Testament H#2580 “chen”

Graciousness; kindness, favour. Grace, acceptance. As in Genesis 6:8, when Noah found grace in a time of tremendous evil & violence.

“chen” is taken from H2603 = “chanan”

To bend or stoop on kindness to an inferior; to favour, bestow or implore

Used as “grace” 38 times in the Old Testament. The only OT word used as grace.

### New Testament G5485 “charis”

Graciousness of manner or act; especially the divine influence on the heart, and its reflection in the life, including gratitude.

It indicated favor on the part of the giver & thanks on the part of the receiver.

Grace removes guilt.

Grace bestows pleasure, delight & favorable regard.

It is free and universal. It is redemptive and spontaneous.

Grace is received from God, the Father, and Jesus Christ

“Charis” is taken from G5463 = “chairō”

To be cheerful ie: calmly happy or well-off. It is also the word for “being glad”.

This word is translated grace 156 x and is the only word used as grace.

Spoken of first in the life of Jesus as a child. Lk. 2:40 And later in Jn. 1:14, an adult

Every epistle that Paul signed, he opened it with “Grace unto you...”

Most were also closed with the benediction of “Grace be unto you”

Paul speaks of grace more than any other Bible author & declares that he received a revelation of the mystery and the stewardship of the gospel of grace. Eph. 3:2

The entire Bible closes with the benediction, “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen”  
Rev. 21:22

In the OT God’s “chen”, his favor & kindness were found.

From the NT times to now, we can receive the “charis”, the inexpressible riches of the gift of grace, or His divine influence on every area of our life & talents. Sin has no dominion over us, and through his grace we have all sufficiency in all things so we may abound in every good work Not of works, but by His influence alone. His grace is sufficient.

We live by grace. We grow in grace. Grace transforms our desires, motivations & behavior. Grace grounds us & empowers us.

Grace is all about God!

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