

As followers of Jesus Christ we are supposed to be influencers in our world, **to be in the world but not of it**, called to impact the world around us with the gospel, to be ministers of reconciliation, set apart for God, yet touching our world with the Divine.

A favor done without expectation of return; the absolutely free expression of the loving kindness of God to men finding its only motive in the bounty and benevolence of the Giver; unearned and unmerited favor The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament

We are **grateful** for a kindness

Gratified by good news

Congratulated when successful

Gracious in hosting friends

We leave a **gratuity** for service

Romans 6:23 (NKJV) For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (GW) The payment for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV) And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

John 3:16 (NKJV) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV) ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT) ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

You can **know** God, you can **speak** to God, you can **hear** from God, **because of grace!**

Grace is a gift that costs everything for the Giver and nothing from the recipient.