

# GOD'S POWER

JOHN 1:14-18

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: God's grace is His favor, His lovingkindness. "Grace is God's divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life." The New Strong's Concordance of the Bible, #5485.

His work (grace) **IS RECEIVED BY FAITH**. It transforms man and causes him to love and seek after God. It is God's power at work in man.

- (1) God's Grace in Salvation (**John 1:12-13, Ephesians 2:8, 9, fn 2:8-10, II Cor. 5:17**)
- (2) God's Grace in Our Growth (**John 1:16, Titus 2:11-12**) *How has God's grace helped you in your relationship with Him?*

God's immense supply of "grace upon grace" **CAN BE RESISTED** by our:

- (1) Pride—**James 4:6, fn 4:6**
- (2) Bitterness—"a fixed attitude of unforgiveness" (**Hebrews 12:15**. See also **I Peter 3:7, Deuteronomy 29:18, and fn 29:18.**)
- (3) Works (useless human efforts to gain acceptance from God) *Works glorify man. Grace glorifies God.* (**Ephesians 2:8-10, Galatians 3:3-5, fn 3:2-3, fn 3:5**)

*Examine you life in relation to these areas. To restore your fellowship and enjoy His grace, pray according to I John 1:9. Remember that your group can help you to be accountable.*

**EXPERIENCE THE BLESSING OF HIS GRACE.** (**John 1:16, 10:10, 15:11**)

- (1) Humility—God gives grace to the humble. (**I Peter 5:5**)
- (2) Let God's grace be your strength. (**II Timothy 2:1, fn 2:1**)
- (3) Grow in God's grace. (**II Peter 3:18, fn 3:18, Acts 20:32**)

*Has God's grace impacted your life? What do you need to do to experience "grace upon grace"?*

*Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.*