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By the Grace of God,  
**I am what I am :**  
**The nature of Grace.**

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*Having learnt how to cultivate and leverage on the presence of God, we become the products of the Grace of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

*I Corinthians 15:10*

*To learn the definition of God's grace*, it is wise to understand the Greek and Hebrew words behind this term.

A prominent Old Testament word describing God's grace is **chesed**. This word speaks of deliverance from enemies, affliction, or adversity. It also denotes enablement, daily guidance, forgiveness, and preservation.

The New Testament word is **Charis**. It focuses on the provision of salvation. Grace means God's love in action towards men who merited the opposite of love. Grace means God moving heaven and earth to save sinners who could not lift a finger to save themselves. Grace means God sending His only Son to descend into hell on the cross so that we guilty ones might be reconciled to God and received into heaven.

‘(God) hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.’

**(2 Corinthians 5:21)**



“Grace means unmerited or undeserving favor of God to do or achieve what of ourselves we are unable to do nor deserving of achieving. This is awesome!!

## How do we become the products of God's grace?

*“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ”*

(John 1:17)

*“For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!”*

(Romans 5:17)



The Law provides the rules of success for any endeavor but offers no help. With the law also comes justice: rewards for success / compliance and punishments for deviations / non compliance / failure.

To rely entirely on compliance with the laws of life and success thus offers no respite for mistakes and unintended errors despite considerable efforts. There is no chance for the weak, down trodden and weak ones.. it becomes a game of the survival of the fittest and the strong takes it all... how miserable. It is reality that every man/ woman is weak in one area or two, so what happens? Is there no way out for those desirous of all round success and victory?

*This is where Grace offers a significant advantage : the availability of help on the premise of obedience to instructions that are plausible and achievable. For those willing and obedient, we will eat the good of the land... we become the products of God's Grace. Grace and truth are available and reachable in the Presence of God.*



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