

# Our Need for Grace

What is Grace?

Thayer: What  
*“brings joy, pleasure,  
delight, sweetness.”*

“It contains the idea  
of kindness which  
*one has not deserved.”*

ie. Blessings !

Helix Nebula “Eye of God” 700 LY from earth.

Dying star pushing out dust & gas. Blue is caused by glowing O<sub>2</sub> atoms

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One woman turned away from the Church saying  
“They expect you to be perfect.”

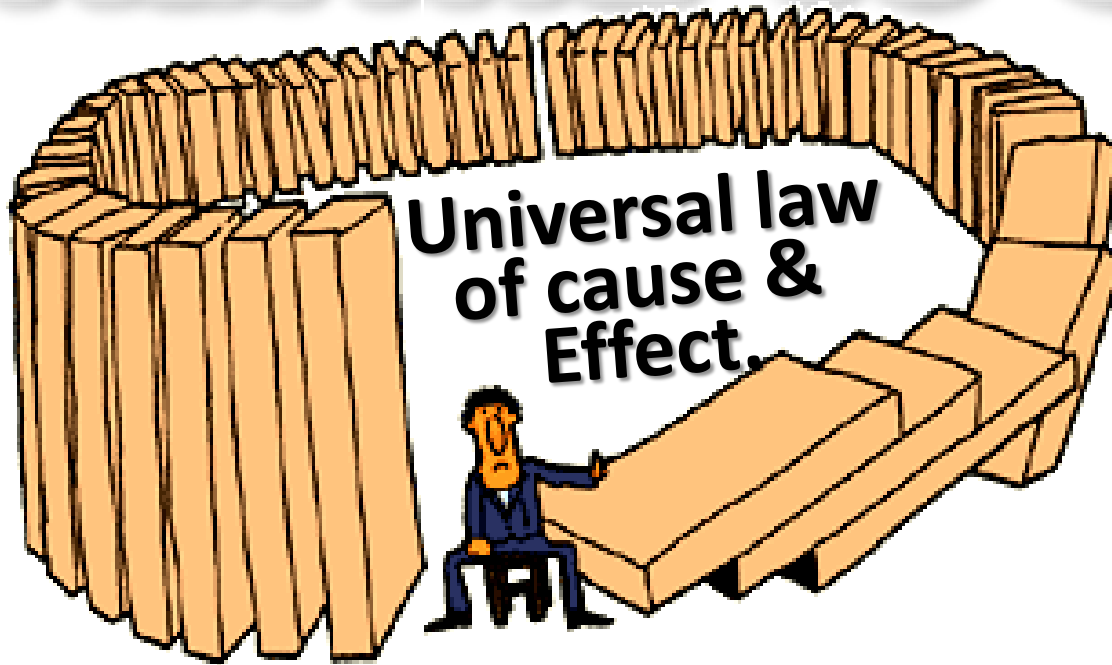
David: (Ps 14:1-3) "THERE IS **NONE RIGHTEOUS**, NOT  
EVEN ONE. They have all turned aside; together  
they have become corrupt...

Paul: (Rom 3:9) “Jews and Greeks are all under sin;  
Rom 3:23 **All have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God.

James: (Jas 3:2) For we **all stumble** in many ways.

Solomon: (Eccles 7:20) “Not a righteous man on earth  
**who continually does good and never sins.**”

# Karma vs Grace !



In "**Karma**"  
what goes around  
comes around.  
No forgiveness.  
No grace.

In **Karma**: You get what your past deserves—  
even if you can't remember what it was  
& even if it was not actually **YOUR** past.

**Karma** says we get what **We** **Deserve**.

**Grace** says we get what **Christ** **Deserves**.



# Works-Based Religion



Rom 8:2-3

For the law of the Spirit  
of life in Christ Jesus has

*set you Free from the  
law of sin and of death.*

Gal 3:10 "For as  
many as are of the  
works of the Law are  
under a curse; for it  
is written, "*Cursed is  
everyone who does  
not abide by ALL*  
things written in the  
book of the law, to  
perform them."

*(Isa 64:6) Rags* ★



# Some Christians Say: *I Can't Forgive Myself*

(Acts 20:24) I testify solemnly  
of the *Gospel of the Grace* of God.

(Eph 1:7) We have the forgiveness of our  
trespasses, according to the riches of His *Grace*.

Ps 103:12 As *far as the east is from the west*, So far  
has He removed our transgressions from us. ★

13 Just as a *father has compassion* on his children,  
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

14 For He Himself knows our frame;  
*He is mindful that we are but dust.*

# Some Feel: *I'm Not Worthy*



Luke 7:7 "I did not even consider myself *worthy* to come to You."



We were Not. *But He is!*  
(Heb 4:15; Rev 5:2-12)

**We weren't ! Consider 600,000 – 6 million sins !**

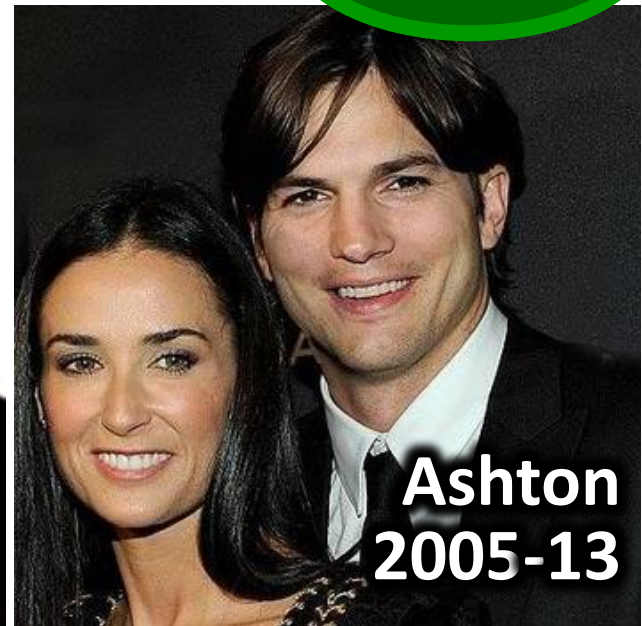
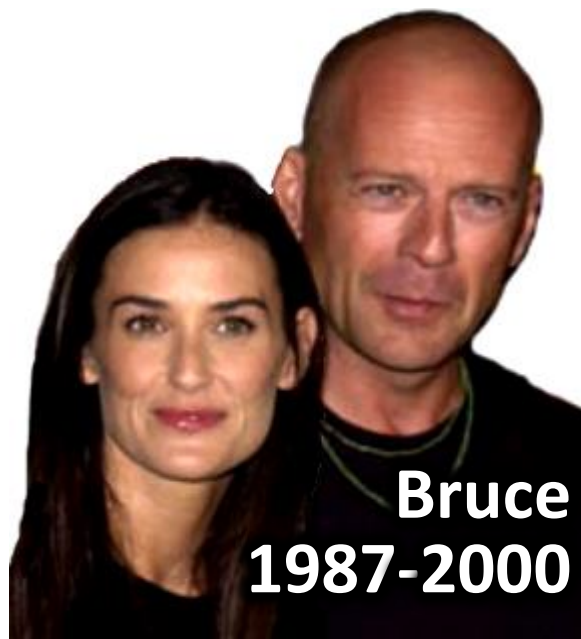
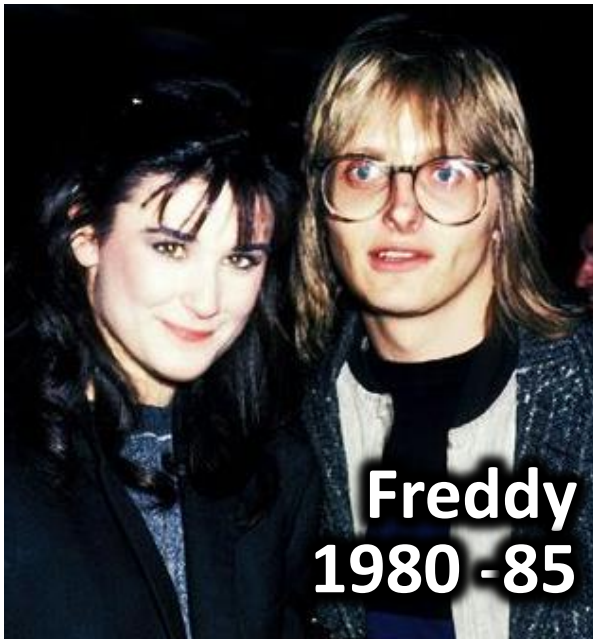
The PAST is forgiven and ***FORGOTTEN*** (Lk 15:21-23)



# Some Feel: *They Are Not Good Enough!*

Demi Moore “What scares me is that I’m going to ultimately find out at the end of my life that I’m really not lovable, that *I’m not worthy of being loved*. That there’s something fundamentally wrong with me.” UK Daily Mail.com 1-5-12.

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(Eph 3:8) Least saint; (1 Tim 1:15) Greatest sinner.  
(1 Cor 15:10) By the *Grace of God* I am what I am.

(1 Cor 6:1) But we were *washed, sanctified, justified*.

*We're Cleansed* (Titus 3:5) Washing of regeneration

*We're Set apart* (1 Cor 1:2) Sanctified in Christ Jesus

Regarded as *innocent* (Rom 3:24) Justified by *Grace*.



# Some Feel: *I'm Not Doing Enough!*

(Mark 14:3-8) She has  
*done what she COULD.*

1. Couldn't insulate Jesus from *Judas*.
2. Couldn't protect Jesus from Roman *Cross*.
3. Couldn't bestow the *Holy Spirit* on others.



(Eph 2:10) we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus *for good works* ..that we should *walk in them*.

# *By Grace We Get Our Gifts*

Serving  
Teaching  
Encouraging  
Leading  
Giving

**Don't know?**  
**Ask Somebody!**

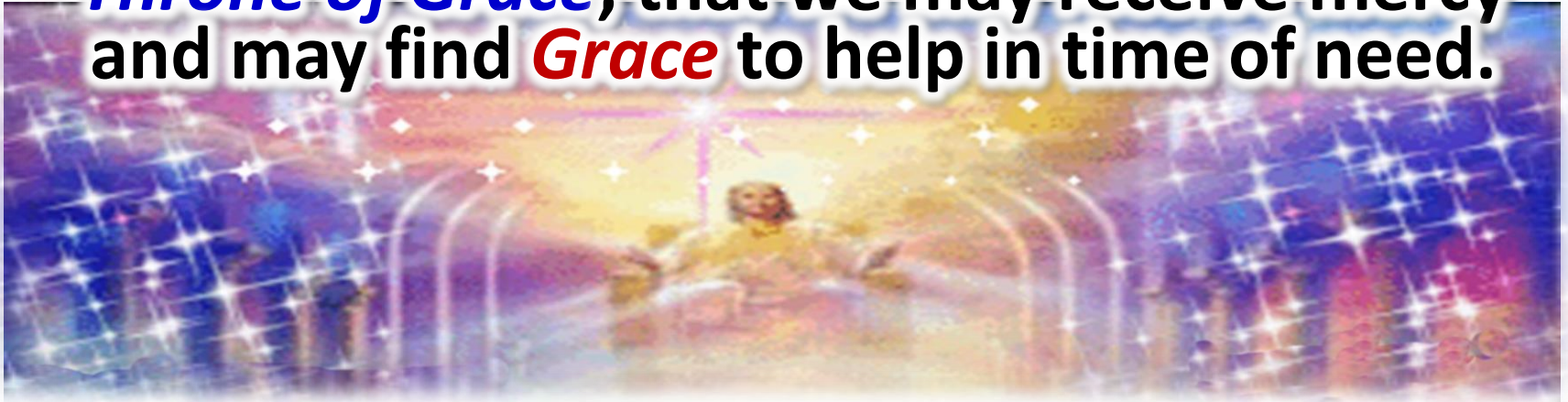
But just cuz  
others do it  
better... you  
still can Give,  
Serve, Teach  
Encourage  
**Someone.**

Rom 12:6 And since we *have gifts that differ*  
according to the **GRACE** given to us, let  
each exercise them accordingly.



# We Approach: *God's Throne of Grace*

Heb 4:16 Draw near with confidence to the *Throne of Grace*, that we may receive mercy and may find *Grace* to help in time of need.



(Phil 3:15-16) “God will reveal that. Keep living by that same standard to *which we have attained*.”

(2 Cor 8:12) “*Readiness acceptable* according to what one has, not according to what does not have.”

(1 Pet 1:13) “*Prepare you minds for action*.. Fix your *hope completely on the Grace* to be brought to you”



**You're**  
**Never**  
**too Lost**

*To be*  
*Saved*

**By God's:**  
(Acts 20:24)  
**"Gospel of Grace."**