



# Sukdulang Biyaya!

## EXABABALL GRACE

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### GRACE AND PEACE (BY ZACH BUNYE)

- Christianity can be summarized with these two words: **Grace** and **Peace**.
- When we read the 13 letters of Paul, *lagi niyang sinusulat sa greeting niya ay: "Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."*
- **Ephesians 1:1-2** – The source of grace and peace is from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Paul referred to God the Father and the Lord Jesus as one source. So our Grace and Peace come directly from God Himself!
- **From** – in Greek is translated as **"APO"** – it refers to a material from which something was made or a person where an action comes from.
- So **Grace** and **Peace** is literally from God!
- God poured out His Grace and Peace from Himself by giving Himself to us. Because God is our Grace! God is our Peace!
- Grace or Charis (pronounced)(**KA-RIS**) was a common greeting *sa mga* Greek. *Sa mga* Hebrew or Jews *naman* they would use the Hebrew word **Shalom**, meaning peace. So Paul used these two common greetings *kasi sa* Ephesus church, *may mga* Jews *at mga* Greeks.
- **Grace** – Grace or Charis is the favor or loving kindness exemplified. It is an unmerited favor of God!
- Jesus is the fullness of Grace exemplified.
- **1. Grace is Freely Given and Generously Given**
  - But we must be willing to receive it! God wants to pour and overflow you with Grace! God Himself is grace, *Siya mismo ang Biyaya!* Jesus is giving Himself to you! But we must freely accept it. *Kailangan Siyang tanggapin.* We will never experience the Grace of God if we never receive it.
- **2. Grace Brings About Salvation**
  - **Ephesians 2:8** – for Grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourself it is a gift of God.
  - Gift is free. Jesus is our Salvation! Freely accept it.
- **3. Grace is Our Power to Live Godly in an Ungodly World**
  - Grace is much more – it is the power that lives in us, sustaining us in this ungodly world.
  - *Ang biyaya ng Diyos ang bumubuhay sa atin araw-araw.*
  - Grace is what empowers us to do the good works that God has laid out for us.
  - We need His grace every single day of our lives! Grace upon Grace upon Grace.
  - **2 Peter 1:2** – **Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.** Yes, we have grace and peace, but we need more and more of it.
- **4. Good Will or a Favorable Attitude Towards You**
  - God's attitude towards you is full of Grace! You are God's prized possession! You are the apple to His eye. You are the thought in His mind. God desires to be your everything! And He wants you to build your life around and upon Him!
  - *Pinakita ng Diyos ang pagmamahal Niya sa atin. (Romans 5:8; John 3:16)*
  - *Hindi sapat sa Diyos na niligtas ka lang niya. He wants you to have His holy character and His life within us. That is God's attitude towards you. Ganyan Niya tayo kamahal.*

- **Peace** – Because of God's amazing Grace we are able to have Peace.
  - One of the meanings of peace is to be reconciled to God. *Ibig sabihin, bati na tayo ni God.* We are no longer enemies of God. Peace is the status we have with God because of the finished work of Jesus at the cross. (**Romans 5:1**)
  - The word Peace in Hebrew is Shalom. To a Hebrew mind, Peace means the removal of every enemy. Zero as in *walang kalaban.* *Kasama na din doon yung* well-being, security, health, prosperity, soundness, and completeness.
  - In **Ephesians 2:14**, it says that Jesus is our Peace. So according to Ephesians 2:14, Jesus is our well-being, He is our security, our health, our prosperity, soundness, completeness.
  - Jesus is everything we need. Take comfort that Jesus is always with you.
  - Jesus doesn't just give us peace *pag may problema sa buhay natin.* *Si Jesus mismo ang nagiging Peace natin.*
  - Life will give you trials and tribulation. *Si Jesus na mismo ang nagsabi* in **John 16:33**. Jesus says take heart! This means have courage, be confident. He has overcome the world!
  - Whatever we are facing, we have the peace of Jesus in us.
  - We have Jesus as our foundation. *Gumuho man ang mundo,* but Jesus Christ is our firm foundation! Jesus Christ is the Rock upon which we stand on.
  - We are standing firm on Him.
  - **Philippians 4:6-7** – the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.
  - The more we are intertwined with Jesus, the more we know about Jesus, the more we pursue intimacy and a relationship with Jesus, peace is produced!
  - *Hindi dahil pinilit* but because Peace is a fruit of the Spirit.
  - The more we abide in Jesus, the more we produce fruit. So it comes about effortlessly.
- **Grace and Peace Not Peace and Grace** – Paul understood that Peace flows from Grace. *Hindi pwedeng peace muna* then we receive His Grace. We can never have peace with God if we haven't received His Grace first.
- So we receive Peace after we first receive Grace. We must first be forgiven, be restored, and regenerated by the Grace of the Lord before we are to be in peace with Him.
- Declaring these words grace and peace are not just greetings but powerful words that make people aware of His grace and at the same time experience grace and peace in their lives.
- **Zechariah 4:7** – *Kita natin dito* the power of shouting Grace, Grace to the mountains we face in our lives blocking the path God has laid for us. *Nagiging* plain, it becomes flat.
- Capstone – final brick or final piece. So when we shout Grace to our situations, it is God who puts the final piece to it.
- **Colossians 4:6** – Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
- Salt is a preservative. Salt can clean and purify. So when we talk to people, speak grace into their lives. Speak Jesus into their lives so they can receive the peace of God in their lives.
- This is our call to action! **Romans 1:16** – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first then to the Gentile.
- People are looking for peace in their lives. Sadly, some believers are ashamed of the gospel. We must not be ashamed, because it is the power that saved us!
- Let us speak with urgency! Share what you know. Plant the seed in their lives. *Wag na tayong mahiya.* This is our time!

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