

<p align="center"><b>OUR SAVIOR GOD!</b> <b>TITUS 3</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>BUT GOD!</b> <b>EPHESIANS 2</b></p>
<p>3:3 For we also were once foolish, <b>disobedient</b>, deceived, serving as slaves various <b>lusts</b> and pleasures, spending our lives in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.</p>	<p>2:1-3 And you, though dead in your offenses and sins, 2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of <b>disobedience</b>; 3 Among whom we also all conducted ourselves once in the <b>lusts</b> of our flesh, doing the <b>desires</b> of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest;</p>
<p>3:4 But when the <b>kindness</b> and the <b>love</b> to man of our <b>Savior God</b> appeared,</p>	<p>2:4-7 But <b>God</b>, being rich in <b>mercy</b>, because of His great <b>love</b> with which He loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us <b>alive</b> together <b>with Christ</b> (by <b>grace</b> you have been <b>saved</b>) 6 And raised <b>us</b> up together <b>with Him</b> and seated <b>us</b> together <b>with Him</b> in the heavenlies in <b>Christ Jesus</b>, 7 that He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in <b>kindness</b> toward us in <b>Christ Jesus</b>.</p>
<p>3:5 <b>Not out of works</b> in righteousness which we did but according to His <b>mercy</b> He <b>saved</b> us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 Whom He poured out upon us richly <b>through Jesus Christ our Savior</b>, 7 In order that having been justified by His <b>grace</b>, we might become heirs according to the hope of <b>eternal life</b>.</p>	<p>2:8-9 For by grace you have been <b>saved</b> through faith, and this not of yourselves; <i>it is</i> the gift of God; 9 <b>Not of works</b> that no one should boast.</p>
<p>3:8 Faithful is the word, and concerning these things I desire you to confidently affirm, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to maintain <b>respectable [good] works</b>. These things are good and profitable to men. Cf. 2:14 Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all lawlessness and purify to Himself a <b>particular people as His unique possession</b>, zealous of <b>good works</b>.</p>	<p>2:10 For we <b>are His masterpiece</b>, created in Christ Jesus for <b>good works</b>, which God prepared beforehand in order that we would walk in them.</p>

## Grace and good works

The short epistle to Titus mentions good works in 6 verses - 1:16; 2:7, 14; 3:1, 8, 14.

1. **Grace defined:** in its most basic meaning – it's receiving something out of Christ's fullness and it is Christ Himself coming to me! (John 1:16-17)
2. **Grace in action:** Grace is God saving me to the uttermost and Christ living in me as my new source (Gal 2:20-21) in everything (grace is sufficient – 2 Cor. 12:9)
3. **Grace located:** Grace is with our spirit because Christ as the Spirit (Heb 10:29 – Spirit of grace) is now in our spirit (Gal. 6:18, Phil 4:23, 2 Tim 4:22, Phil 1:25)
4. **Grace vs. works:** Grace is in contrast to works in its essence because grace is supplied to us - Rom 4:4, 16; 11:6 But if by **grace**, it is no longer out of works; otherwise **grace** is no longer **grace**.
5. **"Grace works":** grace (gifting) was given to each one of us according to a measure of faith (Eph. 4:7), we need to work with that grace like Paul did (1 Cor. 15:10) and be good stewards of His grace (1 Pet. 4:10); 2 Cor. 9:8 all grace for every good work!
6. **Find grace!:** Come forward to the throne of grace...find mercy and grace (we still need it as we're in the process of being saved to the uttermost!) (Heb. 7:25, 4:16; Rom. 5:10)

Several additional verses on grace for your enjoyment (feel free to find some more!)

**2 Corinthians 9:8** And God is able to make all **grace** abound unto you, that, in everything always having all sufficiency, you may abound unto **every good work**;

**Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with **grace** in your hearts to God.

**Colossians 4:6** Let your speech be always with **grace**, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

**Hebrews 12:28** Therefore receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us have **grace**, through which we may serve God well-pleasingly with piety and fear;

**1 Peter 1:2** Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the Spirit unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: **Grace** to you and peace be multiplied.

**Peter 5:5** In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives **grace** to the humble.

**2 Peter 3:18** But grow in the **grace** and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and unto the day of eternity. Amen.

**Revelation 22:21** The **grace** of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.