

# **BIBLE 703**

## **ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**

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# ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

In Bible LIGHTUNIT 701, you studied about worship. You also studied some of God's attributes. An attribute of God, you remember, is a characteristic of God—something which is true about Him. You learned, for example, that God is holy, that He is triune, and that He is loving toward mankind.

In this LIGHTUNIT you will study more about

God's attributes. God has shown us many things about Himself. But we will focus on three attributes which relate to the plan of redemption. God's plan to redeem man from sin shows us His great love, His enduring mercy, and His marvelous grace. Your appreciation for God will increase as you study this LIGHTUNIT.

## OBJECTIVES

- ★ **Study these objectives.** When you have successfully completed this LIGHTUNIT, you should be able:
  1. To define the Biblical meaning of love.
  2. To tell how God has shown love to all mankind.
  3. To tell how God has expressed His love in spite of man's sin.
  4. To tell what God's love will do to those who respond to it.
  5. To give the general meaning and the legal meaning of mercy.
  6. To tell how God can justly forgive sinners.
  7. To tell what is the best expression of God's mercy.
  8. To tell what effect God's forgiveness will have upon those who are forgiven.
  9. To define the Biblical meaning of grace.
  10. To name several things which are ours because of God's grace.
  11. To tell what hinders God's grace in the lives of Christians.
  
- ★ **Preview your LIGHTUNIT.** Read the contents page, and then leaf through the LIGHTUNIT, noting main headings, pictures, charts, etc.

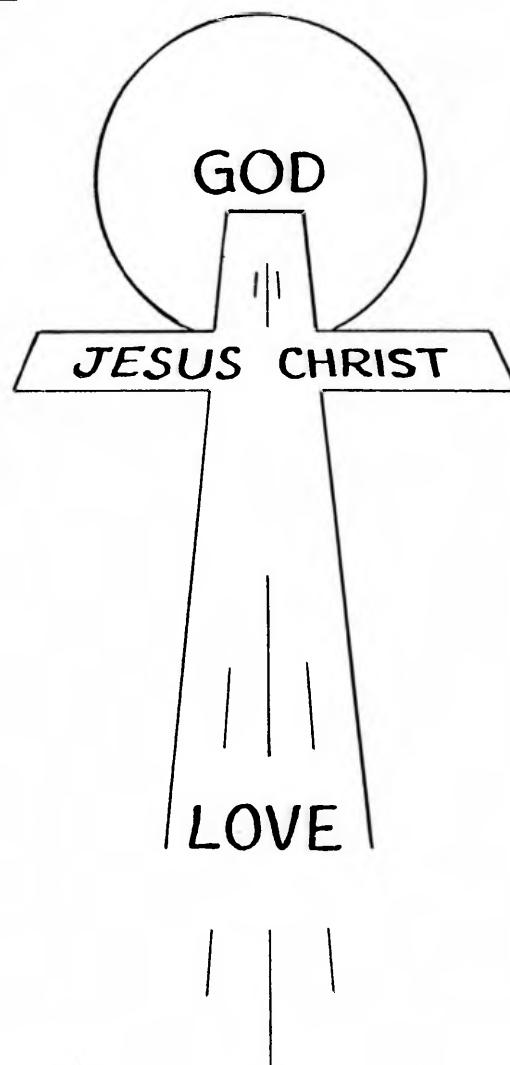


### Can you answer these questions?

- 0.1 How many attributes of God will you study in this LIGHTUNIT? \_\_\_\_\_
- 0.2 What are they? a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_
- 0.3 Complete this sentence: The attributes of God studied in this LIGHTUNIT relate to God's plan of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 0.4 Choose the best answer: A characteristic of God which helps us to describe and understand Him is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
a. attitude                      b. attribute                      c. beatitude

## I. GOD'S LOVE

Someone has said, "God's love stands taller than any of His other attributes." As humans, we certainly do not know all about God. But since God has loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us, His love surely seems to us to be one of the most outstanding things about Him. You already know the story of how Jesus died for our sins. This section will help you to see more clearly the love behind that sacrifice.



### SECTION OBJECTIVES

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  4. To tell what God's love will do to those who respond to it.

### VOCABULARY

- ★ **Learn the meaning of these words.** Knowing the meaning of these words will help you understand this section and enable you to use these words correctly.

**adapt** (ə dapt'). To adjust to existing conditions.

**antagonize** (an tag' ə nīz'). To do hostile things; to provoke as an enemy.

**astounding** (ə staʊn' dɪŋ). Causing great amazement.

**channel** (chan' əl). A path for something to run through, as a riverbed.

**commitment** (kə mit' mənt). A binding agreement or promise; a pledge of trust or devotion.

**nutrients** (nū' trē ənts). Things which have food value or nourishment.

**reconciled** (rek' ən sīld'). Restored to friendship after having been enemies.



**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIGHTUNIT appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

**Pronunciation Key:** a cat; ā bake; ä father; â care; aù out; e pet; ē easy; ə alert; i trlp; ī life; o cot; ō flow; ò order; òi oil; ù put; ù rule; ər blrd, herd, fur; hw which; ng sing; th these; yù use; yù furious; zh measure.



Read I John 4:7, 8.

## THE SOURCE OF LOVE

When John wrote about love among Christians, he made it clear that the love they have one for another comes to them from God. "Love is of God . . . for God is love."

Love is part of God's makeup. It is the way He is. If we were describing an apple, for example, we might say, "This apple is tart." Tartness is a quality of some apples, but not of all apples. It depends on what the apple is like on the inside as to how tart it will taste. So if someone asks, "Why does this apple taste tart?" the simplest reply would be, "Because it IS tart." The makeup of the apple determines the taste. Even so, when we wonder, "Why does God love mankind?" the best reply is, "Because God IS love." Love simply is part of God's being. It is the

way He is.

The source of God's love, then, is God Himself. Because of who He is, He can love. But now, God wants us to love others as He has loved us. This love we are to have for others comes from God too. You will see this more clearly just a bit later, but we cannot love others as God has loved us unless we have a close relationship with God and He is giving us His love. Love is OF GOD. The love which God has for us is from out of His own character. The love which we are to have for others is from God as well. God is the great Source of love. Whether we receive His love ourselves, or whether we show His love to others, God's love comes from God. God is love. Because He IS love, He is the Source of love.



### Answer these questions.

- 1.1 What is the source of God's love to us? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.2 What is the best answer to the question, "Why does God love us?" \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.3 Which sentence best explains how love is part of God's being? \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Because an apple is tart, God is love.
  - b. Love is in God because we are such wonderful people.
  - c. Love is in God's makeup even as tartness is in the makeup of some apples.
  - d. Love is in God because we love Him.
- 1.4 How does God want us to love others? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.5 What do we need in order to love others as God has loved us? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.6 Who is the great Source of love? \_\_\_\_\_

## THE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE

You have learned that love is in God's make-up. But we can be thankful that God's love is not simply stored up inside of Him. God expresses

His love. Love flows out of Him to us. As you read on, you will learn more about how God shows His love to us.



Read I John 4:9, 10.

**Through Christ Jesus.** God has expressed His love to mankind in many ways. He has made a beautiful world for man to live in. He has given a wide variety of plants, vegetables, and fruits for man to eat, which **adapt** to different climates. He sends rain and sunshine and has blessed the soil with the proper **nutrients** for these things to grow. He has placed resources in the earth such as coal and oil for fuel, and various metals for making things. He has made a wide variety of animals, many of which man can use for food, for work, or for enjoyment. All of

these things are expressions of God's love. And God gives these things to men whether they obey Him or disobey Him. As Jesus said, "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45).

A much greater expression of God's love, however, was the sending of His Son Jesus. The Bible tells us, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16). Jesus is the highest expression of God's love.



Read Romans 5:7, 8.

**Toward sinful mankind.** God sent Jesus into the world because mankind was sinful. Sinful people deserve to die because they have turned against the God who made them. They have gone their own way. But God loves people. He does not want them to die. So He sent His Son to die for them. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of mankind, and all who believe in Him as their Saviour receive pardon from God for their sin. Instead of dying for their sin, they are given eternal life through Christ Jesus.

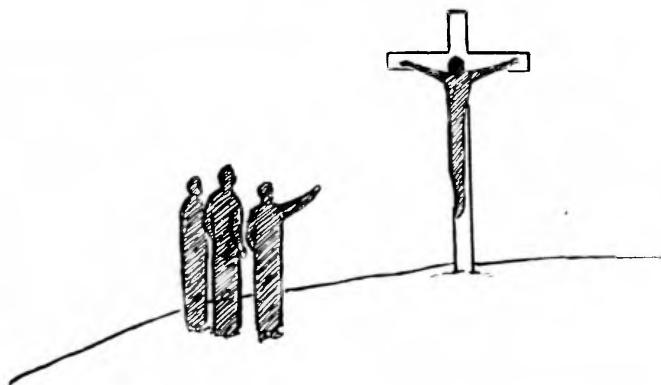
source of God's love? Love is in the being of God. It comes out of Him because He IS love. This love of God through Jesus did not depend upon those who were being loved, but upon the One who was loving them. Every person, even the roughest sinner, may receive the love of God through Jesus. If you ever have trouble thinking you are too bad to be loved by God, remember that God is love. The love He showed in sending His Son to die does not depend upon how good or bad you are. God loves you because HE IS LOVE.

Now the **astounding** thing about God's love toward sinful mankind is that God hates sin. People who love sin **antagonize** God; they become His enemies. God cannot and will not have fellowship with people who hang on to their sin. Yet, God sent His Son to die for sinners. He chose to pour out His love upon those who ignored Him, rebelled against Him, and even hated Him.

**Toward believers.** But now, the richest expression of God's love through Jesus comes to those who believe in Him as their Lord and Saviour. By faith in Jesus, we are born into God's family. Instead of being the enemies of God, we become His children. And as Paul wrote to the Romans, if God loved us so much when we were enemies that He sent His Son to die for us, how much more will He love us when we are **reconciled** to Him! Through Jesus, God brings us into a relationship with Him. And through Jesus, He will one day bring us into heaven itself to live with Him forever.

How can God love like this? Remember the

The greatest expression of God's love in all ages has been through Christ Jesus. God sent His Son to die as a sacrifice for sinful mankind. Those who believe in Jesus receive the continued expression of God's love. They enter into a personal relationship with Him and are given the promise of heaven.





**Answer these questions.**

- 1.7 What are six ways God has expressed His love to all mankind?  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. \_\_\_\_\_  
 f. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.8 What is the greatest expression of God's love? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.9 Who receives the richest expression of God's love through Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_



**Fill in the blanks.**

- 1.10 Jesus died on the cross for the \_\_\_\_\_ of mankind.
- 1.11 Everyone who believes in Jesus as his Saviour receives \_\_\_\_\_ from God for his sins.
- 1.12 People who sin become God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.13 God poured out His love upon those who a. \_\_\_\_\_ Him,  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_ against Him, and even c. \_\_\_\_\_ Him.



**Complete these statements.**

- 1.14 The astounding thing about God's love for sinful mankind is that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.15 God's love in sending Jesus as the Saviour did not depend upon those being loved, but upon \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.16 If you ever have trouble thinking you are too bad to be loved by God, remember that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.17 By faith in Jesus, we are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.18 If God so loved us when we were His enemies that He sent His Son to die for us, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.19 Through Jesus, God brings us into a relationship \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.20 Through Jesus, God will one day bring us into \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE EFFECTS OF GOD'S LOVE**

God doesn't intend that people only be receivers of His love. He intends that those who receive His love respond in love to Him and then become **channels** of His love to others. As you will learn, this is sometimes very difficult.



**Read I John 4:19.**

**Love for God.** The root of sin is selfishness. When we are wrapped up in ourselves, we do not think about God. We do not acknowledge Him as our Creator. We do not obey Him. And thus, we sin against Him by going our own way and doing what we want to do.

But when we see what God has done for us, even while we were sinners, when we see how His Son suffered for us, and when we believe in Him as our Lord and Saviour, we begin a whole new relationship with God. We begin to respond back to God in love. His love to us brings forth our love to Him. No longer can we be self-centered, concerned only with our wishes and our goals. Because we love God, we first of all want to know His wishes and His goals for our lives. Life becomes a relationship with One whom we love and wish to please above everyone else.

The love we have for God could be defined in various ways. But perhaps the best way to define it is a continuing **commitment**. In love, we devote our lives to God. Sometimes we feel this love very strongly. At other times, we may not feel

close to God at all. Occasionally we might even feel like not loving Him. But because we are committed to God, we continue to love Him no matter how we feel. Love is more than a feeling. It is a continuing commitment.



This is the way God's love was for us. Surely, He must not have felt much like loving us when His Son was suffering on the cross for us. But in spite of His great grief, He was committed to loving us. This is the way our love must be for Him.



**Answer these questions.**

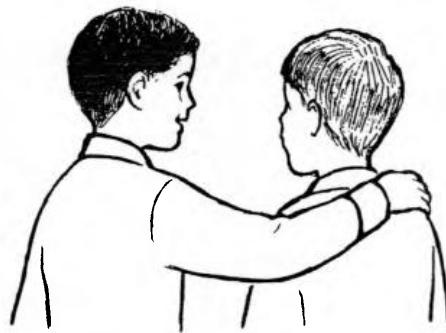
- 1.21 What is the root of sin? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.22 In selfishness, how do we act toward God? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.23 How does God's love change this? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.24 What is the best way to define a proper love for God? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.25 Which of the following sentences is most correct? \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Love for God is a strong feeling of devotion to God.
  - b. Love for God does not affect the way we feel.
  - c. Love for God is a commitment to love Him no matter how we feel.
  - d. Those who love God always feel very close to Him.
- 1.26 How do we know that God's love for us is more than a feeling? \_\_\_\_\_



**Read I John 4:11, 20.**



**Love for others.** Before we are saved, we want our own selfish way. First of all, this affects God. But it also affects others. We do not love people as we ought. Certainly, we have our close friends whom we try to treat with kindness. But we are not about to love those who are unkind to us. Even our love for our friends is a rather selfish love. We are often more concerned about how we feel than about how they feel.



When God's love comes into our lives, however, this selfishness toward others must change. As we begin to respond in love to God, a new kind of life begins inside of us. We are concerned about God's will, not simply our own will. Our relationship with God causes us to begin to think of others as God thinks of them. God saw that people needed His love and His help. As we fellowship with God, we begin to see that people need our love too. God's love begins

to change us into loving people. It does not matter so much whether people deserve our love. We didn't deserve God's love. That is exactly why we needed it. Those who do not deserve our love, probably need it the most. And so first, God's love to us becomes our love to Him. But soon, as we are changed, God's love to us becomes God's love through us to others.



**Read Luke 23:11, 12 and choose the best answer.**

- 1.27 Herod and Pilate \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. were longtime friends  
 b. remained enemies  
 c. loved Jesus  
 d. became friends
- 1.28 The friendship demonstrated by Herod and Pilate shows how non-Christians may have \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. love based on selfishness  
 b. godly love  
 c. family love  
 d. love for God



**Read Matthew 20:20, 21, 24 and choose the best answer.**

- 1.29 The mother of two disciples asked Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. treat her sons fairly  
 b. treat her sons with more honor than the other disciples  
 c. punish her sons  
 d. promote her sons above Jesus in the new kingdom
- 1.30 The response of the ten other disciples is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. how Jesus wants His followers to love those who are unkind  
 b. how God has loved us  
 c. how Jesus treated His enemies  
 d. how people normally react to those who are unkind



**Read Matthew 5:44, 46 and choose the best answer.**

- 1.31 When responding to those who are unkind to us, we should do all of the following except \_\_\_\_\_ .
- a. pray for them
  - b. love them
  - c. talk back to them
  - d. bless them
- 1.32 Loving only those who love us is the way \_\_\_\_\_ .
- a. God wants us to love
  - b. anyone might love
  - c. mature Christians should love
  - d. Jesus taught His disciples

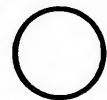


**Read Acts 7:54-60 and answer these questions.**

- 1.33 Was Stephen treated kindly? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.34 Was Stephen treated fairly? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.35 How do you know Stephen loved his enemies? \_\_\_\_\_
- 
- 1.36 Did Stephen's enemies deserve his love? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.37 How do you know Stephen loved God? \_\_\_\_\_
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**Review what you have read and done.** Do you understand the material you have completed, and do you know the objectives and vocabulary? This Self Check will show if you have mastered what you have studied thus far.



### SELF CHECK 1

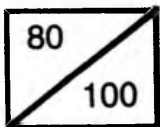
**Write true or false** (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.01 \_\_\_\_\_ The source of God's love is God Himself.
- 1.02 \_\_\_\_\_ God is the source of the love which Christians have one for another.
- 1.03 \_\_\_\_\_ God wants us to love others exactly the way we love Him.
- 1.04 \_\_\_\_\_ The Creation is the greatest expression of God's love.
- 1.05 \_\_\_\_\_ God's special love for Christians is shown in giving them more rain for their gardens and better crops.
- 1.06 \_\_\_\_\_ God's love for sinful mankind is astounding because God hates sin.
- 1.07 \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus died only for certain people.

- 1.08 \_\_\_\_\_ God's love in sending Jesus as the Saviour depended upon how people were responding to God.
- 1.09 \_\_\_\_\_ The reason God can love rebellious, hateful, sinful people is because God IS love.
- 1.010 \_\_\_\_\_ God's richest expressions of love come to the sinner.
- 1.011 \_\_\_\_\_ Selfishness causes people to turn away from God and do as they please.
- 1.012 \_\_\_\_\_ When we have strong feelings of love for God, we are likely being selfish.
- 1.013 \_\_\_\_\_ God has continued to love mankind only because He always has felt like loving us.
- 1.014 \_\_\_\_\_ Love in friendships is always selfish.
- 1.015 \_\_\_\_\_ The normal response to unkindness is not loving.
- 1.016 \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus said that even publicans were loving to those who loved them.
- 1.017 \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus taught His disciples to love their enemies.
- 1.018 \_\_\_\_\_ Only God's love in us can change us so that we are loving to others.
- 1.019 \_\_\_\_\_ The friendship of Herod and Pilate is an example of a friendship based on selfishness.
- 1.020 \_\_\_\_\_ The ten disciples showed a loving response to the mother who wanted her two sons to be honored in the kingdom.

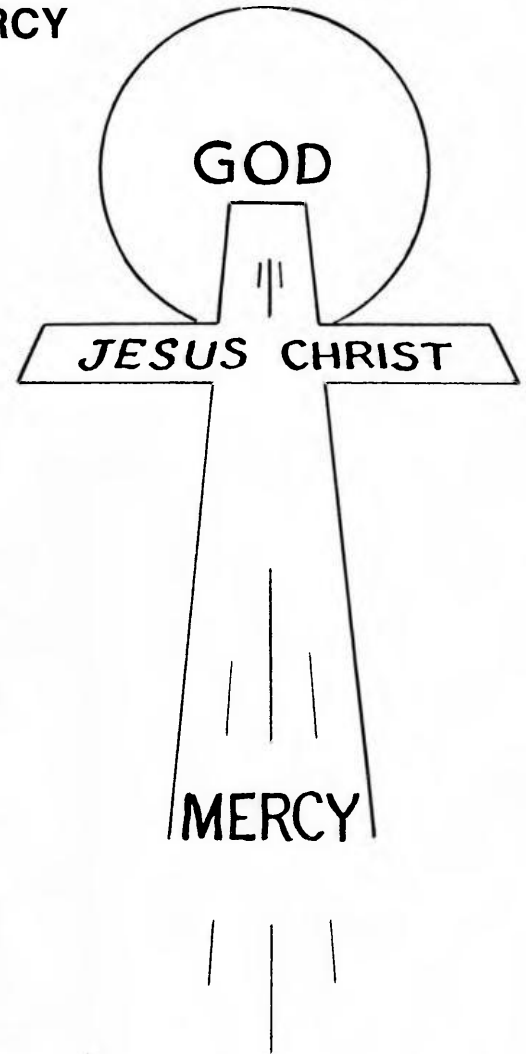
**Answer these questions** (each answer, 5 points).

- 1.021 What is the root of sin? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.022 How did Stephen show love to his enemies? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.023 List three ways God shows love to all mankind.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.024 In Matthew 5:44, Jesus gave four ways we should respond to enemies. List three of them.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_



## II. GOD'S MERCY

The mercy of God is closely related to the love of God. Because God loves us, He extends His mercy to us. In other words, mercy is an expression of His love. In the last section, you saw how God showed His love to sinners by sending His Son to die for them. In this section, you will study this expression of God's love in more detail. Through Jesus' sacrifice, God is able to show us His mercy.



### SECTION OBJECTIVES

- ★ **Study these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able:
  5. To give the general meaning and the legal meaning of mercy.
  6. To tell how God can justly forgive sinners.
  7. To tell what is the best expression of God's mercy.
  8. To tell what effect God's forgiveness will have upon those who are forgiven.

### VOCABULARY

- ★ **Learn the meaning of these words.** Knowing the meaning of these words will help you understand this section and enable you to use these words correctly.

**accumulate** (ə kyü' myə lāt'). To gather or collect.

**beget** (bi get'). To produce as an offspring; to cause.

**collared** (käl' ərd). Grabbed by the collar; arrested.

**compensate** (käm' pən sāt'). To supply something different but equal to what was asked or expected.

**doomed** (dümd). Condemned to destruction.

**foremost** (fōr' mōst). Outstanding; first in importance.

**legal** (lē' gəl). According to law.

**penalty** (pen' əl tē). Punishment given for a wrongdoing.

**predicament** (pri dik' ə mənt). Troublesome situation.

**stingy** (stin' jē). Very tight with money.

**urgent** (ər' jənt). Needing immediate attention.





Read Matthew 18:21-35.

## THE MEANING OF MERCY

There is probably no Scripture which teaches more clearly the meaning of mercy than the one you just read. Besides showing us the meaning of mercy, this Scripture illustrates how God has shown mercy to us and how His mercy to us is to affect our relationships with others.

**The general meaning.** *Mercy and compassion* are synonyms. Both words refer to how we respond to the needs of others. Those who are merciful are so compassionate that they are moved to do something when they see a person in need. Like love, then, mercy is more than a feeling. Many people feel

bad about the needs of others, but the merciful do what they can to help meet those needs.

God is merciful. He is moved by the needs of His creation. God is moved by the basic needs of the earth. He is moved by the needs of the birds and the animals. And He is moved by the needs of people. God waters the earth. He feeds the birds. He watches over flowers and plants. And as Jesus said, "If God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matthew 6:30).



### Complete these activities.

- 2.1 Give a synonym for mercy. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.2 In your own words, give the general meaning of mercy. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2.3 In several sentences tell how God shows mercy in a general way. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2.4 Find Psalm 145:9. What does this verse say about the Lord's mercy? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The legal definition.** There is more to the mercy of God than the compassion He shows in a general way. Mankind, you know, has spiritual needs. Our sins have piled up like a great, unpayable debt before God. We are like the man in Jesus' parable who owed his master far more than he could ever pay. Ten thousand talents in our money would be approximately TEN MILLION dollars. We cannot pay off the debt of our sins.

To understand how God's mercy deals with our sins, we need to consider several more **legal** terms—guilt, **penalty**, and pardon. *Guilt* is a condi-

tion resulting from disobedience to the law. Our sins make us guilty. *Penalty* is the punishment for wrongdoing. The penalty for sin is death. Since all mankind is guilty of sin, all deserve to die. *Pardon* is the removal of a penalty. A penalty may be removed from a guilty person if someone else bears the penalty. An innocent man, for example, may pay the hundred dollar fine of a guilty man. Or a penalty may be removed if something is done to **compensate** for the crime. In the Old Testament, animals were sacrificed as something of a compensation for man's sins. Unfortunately, the sacrifice of animals did not

fully compensate for sin. But for the time being, God pardoned man when he brought a sacrifice. In any case, pardon is the removal of a penalty. As such, it is the legal definition of mercy.

But in a legal system, pardon can come only from one who has the authority to pardon—a judge, for example. And a judge can pardon only when he believes under the conditions he is right in doing so.

God is just. Justice is setting the proper penalty for wrongdoing. God is the One who set the penalty for sin, and He set it exactly right—sin deserves death.

But God is also merciful. Knowing the terrible **predicament** that sinful man had gotten into with his sin, God was moved to do something about it. He has the authority to pardon, but God will not pardon for just any reason. He would not be right in doing so. Even animal sacrifices could only provide temporary pardon. The Israelites had to keep bringing them year after year. In order to pardon in a righteous way, God sent His Son to die as a sacrifice for man's sin. Jesus suffered death on the cross for us. Our sins, which we were guilty of, were laid upon Jesus. He was not guilty of them. He was perfectly righteous.

Because He was God's perfect Son, His death on the cross fully compensated for our sin. He died as a righteous man for the sins of unrighteous mankind, and on that basis God can extend pardon and be perfectly righteous in doing so. Jesus' death satisfied God's justice—the penalty for sin is still death. But it also expressed God's mercy—through Jesus we may be pardoned.



There are conditions for receiving pardon through Jesus' death. We must repent of our sin and believe in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. We cannot in any way erase our guilt ourselves. But if we meet the conditions, we can be counted **FORGIVEN COMPLETELY** because Jesus died for us and His death for us was fully acceptable with the Father.

How do you think the man forgiven of the ten million dollar debt should have felt toward his master? And how do you think we should feel toward God for His mercy to us? To be forgiven of a hundred dollar debt would make us grateful. To be forgiven of a ten million dollar debt would be almost overwhelming. But to be forgiven of eternal death! How great is the mercy of God toward us!



**Choose the best answer.**

- 2.5 The man in the parable owed his master \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. a thousand talents  
 b. ten talents  
 c. a hundred talents  
 d. ten thousand talents
- 2.6 In our money, this is approximately \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. ten thousand dollars  
 b. a hundred thousand dollars  
 c. ten million dollars  
 d. ten billion dollars
- 2.7 The unpayable debt of this servant is like \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. our righteousness  
 b. our sins  
 c. both a. and b.  
 d. the difference between a. and b.
- 2.8 The punishment for a particular wrongdoing is called the \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. guilt  
 b. justice system  
 c. penalty  
 d. legal predicament

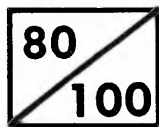
# BIBLE 703

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## BIBLE 703: LIGHTUNIT TEST

**Write the name of the attribute of God which fits the description (each answer, 5 points).**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's compassion which moved Him to provide pardon through Jesus.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's commitment to us through Jesus even though we were sinners.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's favor which first gives deliverance from sin and then supplies our every need through Jesus.

**Fill in the blanks (each answer, 4 points).**

4. Each of the three attributes of God is more than a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The penalty for \_\_\_\_\_ is death.
6. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ satisfied God's justice.
7. When others wrong us, mercy is best expressed by \_\_\_\_\_ them.
8. God's \_\_\_\_\_ makes available His wisdom and power to those who have need.
9. Two things which will hinder God's grace in the lives of Christians are a. \_\_\_\_\_ God's will and b. \_\_\_\_\_.
10. By using our resources to meet the needs of others, we are laying up treasure in \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The first gift of God's grace a person may experience is \_\_\_\_\_ from sin.
12. The Apostle Paul found God's grace sufficient for a physical \_\_\_\_\_.

**Write true or false (each answer, 3 points).**

13. \_\_\_\_\_ A Christian's love for God and others comes from God.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ God's greatest expression of love was through Jesus.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ God has never and will never show love to sinners.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes a friendship is based on selfishness.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Since God is merciful, He wants us to be merciful.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ Since God sent Jesus to die for our salvation, He expects us to die for the salvation of others.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ Two keys to receiving the grace of God are humility and submission to God's will.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ If we have the resources to meet a need we see, but do not show mercy, we do not have God's love in our hearts.



21. \_\_\_\_\_ When Paul was given a physical handicap, he accepted it without even praying for healing.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ Improvement in the character of a Christian is a work of God's grace.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ God's grace is something we need to earn.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ God can love even the unlovely because God is love.
25. \_\_\_\_\_ In the Old Testament, animal sacrifices provided full compensation for man's sin.
26. \_\_\_\_\_ Two effects of God's mercy to us are first, we will have compassion to the needy; and second, we will forgive those who wrong us.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ God has forbidden us to lay up earthly riches to ourselves.

# NOTES

- 2.9 Giving a proper penalty for each crime is called \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. justice c. wrongdoing  
 b. mercy d. sin
- 2.10 The proper penalty for sin is \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. ten million dollars c. death  
 b. no charge d. suffering on a cross
- 2.11 Which sentence is not correct about Jesus' sacrifice for us? \_\_\_\_  
 a. God can justly forgive us because Jesus suffered for us.  
 b. Jesus paid off everyone's debt so that no one is guilty of sin anymore.  
 c. Jesus' death fully compensated for our sin and satisfied God's justice.  
 d. We must repent of our sin and believe in Jesus as our Saviour to receive God's forgiveness.
- 2.12 Animal sacrifices in the Old Testament could not fully compensate for man's sin, but only provided \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. more guilt c. partial pardon  
 b. pardon for certain people d. temporary pardon
- 2.13 The greatest forgiveness is seen in \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. God's forgiveness to us c. a hundred dollar forgiveness  
 b. the ten million dollar debt d. a., b., and c. are the same
- 2.14 Because Jesus died for us, if we repent of our sin and believe in Him, we are counted \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. as never having been guilty c. worthy of death  
 b. completely forgiven d. mostly forgiven
- 2.15 The legal definition of mercy is \_\_\_\_ .  
 a. pardon c. sacrifice  
 b. gratitude d. compassion

## THE EXPRESSION OF MERCY

In defining mercy, we have already referred to its expression. Mercy is expressed in action. The action, of course, must be suited to the need. Sometimes people have more than one need, and if we would be truly merciful, we must decide which need is most **urgent**. If a man is starving and is poorly clothed, giving him a new shirt is not the best expression of mercy.

God's mercy has been active in meeting our

deepest need. We needed forgiveness for our sin. God showed His mercy by arranging to meet that need through the work of Jesus. As the master in Jesus' parable forgave the debt of his servant, even so God forgives the sins of those who come in humble faith.

Forgiveness is still one of the **foremost** expressions of mercy. When mercy is in the heart of a person, that person will be a forgiving person.



**Fill in the blanks.**

- 2.16 Mercy is expressed in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.17 The action must be suited to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.18 Our most urgent need was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.19 One of the foremost expressions of mercy is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.20 When a person has more than one need, we must decide which need is most \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE EFFECTS OF MERCY**

Mercy **begets** mercy. When God shows His mercy to us, He intends that we be merciful to others. This was the main point of Jesus' parable

about the man with the ten million dollar debt. Even as his master showed mercy to him, he should have shown mercy to others.



**Read I John 3:17.**

**Meeting needs.** God has showed compassion toward the needs of all people. You recall that He makes His sun to shine on the just and on the unjust and sends rain to water the fields of sinners and saints alike.

This mercy of God is to become a quality of His people as well. As the owner of all things, God has instructed us to use His goods to meet needs of those about us. If instead we **accumulate** earthly riches to ourselves, God is not pleased. His great love causes Him to show mercy to the needy. His love in us, likewise, will cause us to show mercy and compassion to those who have need about us. In fact, if we see needs and have the resources to meet those needs but do not show mercy, the Bible says we do not have the love of God in our hearts.



**Answer these questions.**

- 2.21 *Mercy begets mercy.* Which sentence best explains this? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Those who have received mercy should show mercy.
  - b. Those who have received mercy cannot sin.
  - c. Christians should be careful not to get into debt.
  - d. Mercy will mean different things to different people.
- 2.22 What does the Bible say about us if we see needs which we could meet but we do nothing about them? \_\_\_\_\_

- 2.23 Who is the owner of all things? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.24 Read Matthew 6:19, 20.
- a. What are we not supposed to do with earthly riches? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What are we supposed to do? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.25 Read I Timothy 6:17-19. According to verse 18, how do we lay up treasure in heaven?

**Forgiving others.** The best expression of God's mercy to Christians is His forgiveness. If God in mercy provided food and clothes for our body, but did not do anything about our sin, what would be the point of living? In the end we would be **doomed** to eternal death. But God forgives.

And God intends that the forgiveness He shows to us be extended to others. Because we have been forgiven so great a debt of sin, ought we not to forgive others when they do wrong against us?

Remember the man with the ten million dollar debt? He went out and **collared** a man who owed him a "hundred pence." In our money this would be approximately twenty dollars. Because the man could not pay this small debt, the **stingy** servant had him put into prison. How ungrateful! Here he was forgiven ten million and he couldn't wait for twenty dollars. This was a sin worse than his original debt. Because he demanded justice with the small debt, the master gave him justice for his ingratitude. He was thrown into prison himself.

Jesus was teaching that since we have been

forgiven by God, we must forgive others. If we do not forgive others after having been forgiven by God, we are guilty all over again. We will receive justice rather than mercy.

Sometimes Christians have trouble forgiving one another. Jesus' parable is a good Scripture to read at such a time. God's great mercy to us, forgiving us our great load of sin, is to make us merciful to others. We can forgive the things others do to us when we consider how freely and mercifully God has forgiven us our sin against Him.



**Answer these questions.**

- 2.26 What is God's best expression of mercy? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.27 What effect should God's forgiveness to us have in our relationships? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.28 How much is a hundred pence worth in our money? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.29 The servant demanded justice in a small matter when he had been granted mercy in a large matter. What sin does this reveal? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.30 What happened to the ungrateful servant? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.31 What are at least two things this parable teaches us?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



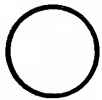
**Complete these activities.**

2.32 Read Luke 6:36 until you have memorized it and can write it here. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2.33 There are two basic effects of God's mercy to us. First we should show compassion to the needy. Second, we should forgive those who do wrong against us. With the help of your teacher or your parents, think of someone you could help or someone you need to forgive. After you decide what you can do, write one paragraph explaining the situation and one paragraph telling what you have decided to do. (Use other paper.) With the direction and help of your teacher or parents, do what you have decided is right.



**Review what you have read and done.** Do you understand the material you have completed, and do you know the objectives and vocabulary? This Self Check will show if you have mastered what you have studied thus far.



**SELF CHECK 2**

**Match these items** (each answer, 2 points).

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|------|--------------------|--|
| 2.01 | _____ love for God | a. a continuing commitment                     |
| 2.02 | _____ justice      | b. the root of sin                             |
| 2.03 | _____ compassion   | c. giving the proper punishment for wrongdoing |
| 2.04 | _____ selfishness  | d. our unpayable debt of guilt                 |
| 2.05 | _____ pardon       | e. the legal definition of mercy               |
| 2.06 | _____ death        | f. the general definition of mercy             |
|      |                    | g. the penalty for sin                         |

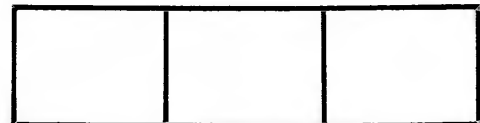
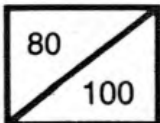
**Fill in the blanks** (each numbered answer, 3 points).

- 2.07 The servant owed his master a. \_\_\_\_\_ talents, which in our money would be b. \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.
- 2.08 The servant demanded a. \_\_\_\_\_ even though he had been shown b. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.09 The amount of debt owed to the servant would have been approximately \_\_\_\_\_ dollars in our money.
- 2.010 Both love and \_\_\_\_\_ are more than a feeling.

- 2.011 God's love for sinful mankind is amazing because God hates \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.012 The man who showed love to his enemies when they were stoning him to death was \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.013 Our \_\_\_\_\_ are like a debt we cannot pay before God.
- 2.014 Old Testament sacrifices could not fully \_\_\_\_\_ for sin, but they provided temporary pardon.
- 2.015 Jesus' death satisfied God's \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.016 To receive God's forgiveness, we must a. \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin and b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus as our Saviour.
- 2.017 Because Jesus died for us, if we believe in Him, we are accounted completely \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.018 God has forbidden us to \_\_\_\_\_ earthly riches for ourselves.
- 2.019 The owner of all things is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.020 By using our resources to meet the needs of others, we are laying up \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.
- 2.021 The worst sin of the servant in the parable was his \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.022 Jesus' parable teaches us that if we do not a. \_\_\_\_\_ after God has b. \_\_\_\_\_ us, we will receive c. \_\_\_\_\_ rather than mercy.

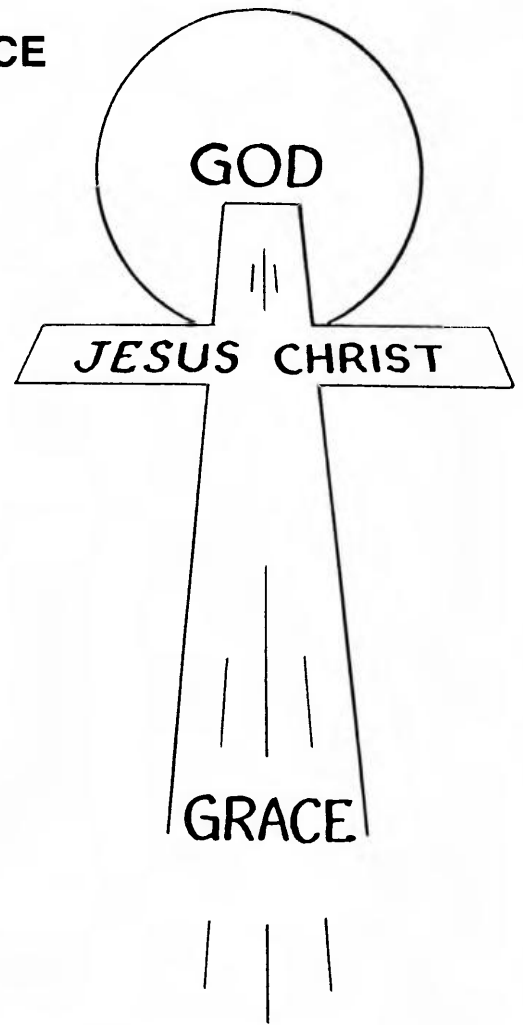
**Complete these activities** (each answer, 5 points).

- 2.023 Write Luke 6:36. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2.024 Explain this statement: *Mercy begets mercy.* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2.025 Name two basic effects of God's mercy to us.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.026 God's greatest expression of love has come through Jesus.  
a. How was God's love shown to sinful mankind? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b. How is God's love shown to believers? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2.027 God's love changes those who receive it.  
a. How does God's love affect our response to Him? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b. How does God's love affect our human relationships? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### III. GOD'S GRACE

Usually when we think of the plan of redemption, we are thinking about how it affects us; that is, how we have been blessed by it. In this LIGHTUNIT you have been seeing how the plan of redemption reveals God, the One who planned it. In love, God gave His Son to die for us. In mercy, He offers pardon for our sins. Now you will study about God's grace. This attribute of God, like the others, has been expressed through the Lord Jesus and His work for us.



#### SECTION OBJECTIVES

- ★ **Study these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able:
9. To define the Biblical meaning of grace.
  10. To name several things which are ours because of God's grace.
  11. To tell what hinders God's grace in the lives of Christians.

#### VOCABULARY

- ★ **Learn the meaning of these words.** Knowing the meaning of these words will help you understand this section and enable you to use these words correctly.

**abound** (ə baʊnd'). To be plentiful.

**discount** (dis' kaʊnt'). An amount taken off the original price.

**handicap** (han' di kap'). A physical problem which hinders or limits ability to do something.

**implies** (im plīz'). Suggests.

**infinite** (in' fə nət). Unlimited or unmeasurable.

**merit** (mer' ət). To earn or deserve.

**recreation** (rek' rē ā' shən). Relaxing or pleasurable activity.

**revelation** (rev' ə lā' shən). Vision from God; truth which God shows to man.

**sufficiency** (sə fish' ən sē). The condition of having all that one needs.

**unmerited** (ən mer' it əd). Not earned or deserved.

**wholeheartedly** (hōl' hārt' əd lē'). With all one's heart; with complete devotion.





## THE MEANING OF GRACE

A study of the grace of God is a little like a study of the universe. The study could be approached in so many ways, and there are so many things to be discovered that a lifetime could be spent in the study and still many things would be unlearned. The Apostle Paul said that in the ages to come, God will show us the "exceeding riches of his grace" (Ephesians 2:7). This study, then, is only a beginning in the grand discovery of God's grace.

**Grace Is God's favor.** Grace, being so broad a term, has been defined in various ways. But the root meaning of grace is "favor."

The word can be used to describe the favor of man or of God. But the favor of anyone, of course, depends upon that person. To have the favor of one person will not mean the same as to have the favor of another person because people vary and their relationship to one another varies. The favor of a storekeeper might mean that you will receive a **discount** on some item you buy—you might save several dollars by his favor. The favor of your parents, however, will supply you with clothes, food, housing, and a host of services such as laundry, first aid, education, **recreation**, transportation, and training in so many things that you probably could not name them all. The favor of your parents should mean much more to you than the favor of the

storekeeper.

Since the meaning and importance of favor rests upon the person, the favor of God is difficult to define. God is **infinite**. He is a being greater, more powerful, more good than any human we have ever met. There are no words great enough to proclaim His greatness or strong enough to measure His strength or good enough to describe His goodness. God is the Most High.

The grace of God, then, is favor like no other because God is a being like no other. Because He is great, powerful, and good beyond measure, His favor is great, powerful, and good beyond measure. God's grace, in other words, is directly related to Himself.

**God's grace is unmerited.** The wonder and blessing of God's grace is multiplied when we realize it is **unmerited**. We do not deserve it. There is nothing we can do to deserve it. God has extended His favor to mankind when we were hopelessly lost, unable to do anything about our condition.

Furthermore, we were lost because we chose to sin against God and go our own way. Favor to a lost person is one thing, but favor to a lost enemy is something more. Not only were we undeserving of God's favor; we were deserving of His anger. Instead, God was willing to show us His favor.



### Choose the best answer.

- 3.1 The study of God's grace is like a study of the universe in that \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. both subjects are studied by scientists  
b. the subjects cover the same material  
c. both subjects are so vast  
d. God has commanded us to study both subjects
- 3.2 Having the grace or favor of one person will not be the same as having the grace of another person because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. people vary  
b. grace cannot be defined  
c. favor is deceitful  
d. people do not show favor
- 3.3 God's grace is difficult to define because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. God changes  
b. God is infinite  
c. God hates sin  
d. God seldom shows grace



**Answer these questions.**

- 3.4 What is the root meaning of grace? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.5 When did Paul say God would show to us the "exceeding riches of his grace"? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.6 What is meant by saying God's grace is unmerited? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.7 What did we deserve instead of God's grace? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.8 Does this make God's grace more meaningful or less meaningful? \_\_\_\_\_

**God's grace comes only through Jesus.** Although God's grace is available to all mankind, it is experienced only by those who receive Jesus. There is no other way to experience the grace of God but through Him. As the Apostle John wrote, "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Those who receive Jesus receive God's grace; those who refuse Jesus will never know the grace of God. Instead of God's favor, they will experience God's wrath and judgment. And even as God's favor is unspeakably grander than anyone can describe, so His wrath is unspeakably more terrible than anyone can imagine. Both God's grace and God's wrath are defined by the greatness of God Himself.

**Grace implies giving.** All along in our study of grace we have been seeing it as providing something for us from God. Grace **implies** giving. Like love and mercy, grace is more than a feeling. It is the kind of favor which makes resources available. To have the grace of God means to have God open His resources to us. It means that God makes His power and wisdom available for us to draw upon.

The work of God's grace in our lives is first a work of deliverance from sin. This is a gift which we cannot **merit** but which comes only through Jesus Christ. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). Because salvation from sin is a work of God's grace, no sinner can have too big a pile of sins to be saved. "Where sin **abounded**, grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20). Cleansing from sin, however, is only the beginning of the gift and operation of God's grace in us. As Paul wrote to the Romans, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him

also freely give us all things" (Romans 8:32).

For those who come to God by faith in Jesus, all of life becomes a work of God's grace. As they continue in fellowship with Jesus, God continues to give to them His favor, making available to them all they need for whatever situation they face. The blessing of such an arrangement is beyond telling. Christians can face trouble, need, difficulty, trial, suffering, and temptation; and having God's grace, they are given courage, hope, endurance, wisdom, sweetness, and strength as much as they need. "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all **sufficiency** in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Corinthians 9:8).

**GOD'S GRACE**



**God's abundant grace.**



**Fill in the blanks.**

- 3.9 God's grace is available to all a. \_\_\_\_\_ , but it is experienced only by those who receive b. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.10 "The a. \_\_\_\_\_ was given by Moses, but b. \_\_\_\_\_ and c. \_\_\_\_\_ came by Jesus Christ."
- 3.11 Those who refuse Jesus will never know the a. \_\_\_\_\_ of God, but instead will experience God's b. \_\_\_\_\_ and c. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.12 Both God's grace and God's wrath are defined by the greatness of \_\_\_\_\_ Himself.
- 3.13 Like love and mercy, grace is more than a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.14 To have the grace of God means to have God open His \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
- 3.15 The first gift of God's grace to us through Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ from sin.
- 3.16 "Where sin abounded, \_\_\_\_\_ did much more abound."
- 3.17 "God is able to make a. \_\_\_\_\_ grace abound toward you; that ye, b. \_\_\_\_\_ having c. \_\_\_\_\_ sufficiency in d. \_\_\_\_\_ things, may abound to e. \_\_\_\_\_ good work."



**Complete this activity.**

- 3.18 In a few sentences, explain how those who have received God's grace for salvation and who live in fellowship with Jesus experience God's grace.

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**THE SUPPLY OF GRACE**

If God's grace makes His resources available to His followers, can they simply ask to be delivered from everything difficult and unpleasant? And if Christians have God's favor, why would He allow anything difficult or unpleasant to come into their lives in the first place? But then, if God removed

everything unpleasant from the lives of Christians, would people become Christians just to avoid difficulty, rather than because they want to love and serve God? Let's look at these questions in light of God's grace.



**Read II Corinthians 12:7-10.**

**Need and God's grace.** The Apostle Paul was a man who gave himself **wholeheartedly** to God. God used Paul mightily to spread the Gospel, especially among the Gentiles. He gave Paul special **revelations** so he would know God's plan for the church.

God even gave Paul power to heal people at times. Now we would think that with all these gifts, Paul was someone great. Paul might have begun to think so himself. But God allowed Paul to have something else—a physical **handicap**. We are not told exactly

what it was. The Bible calls it a "thorn in the flesh." It had been obvious to the church at Corinth (I Corinthians 2:3). Whatever it was, it made Paul suffer, and he prayed that God would remove it. But instead, Paul was told that God's grace would be

great enough that he could keep the handicap and still serve God.

Wisely, Paul chose to accept his handicap. He found God's grace so plentiful for his need that he actually thanked God for the handicap. It was a constant reminder to him how rich God's grace was for him.

From this we learn much about the grace of God. It comes to those children of God who are in need. It does not necessarily take away the handicap, the trial, or the problem, but it supplies the wisdom, the strength, and the endurance to serve God in spite of the problem.

The key to receiving God's grace is submission to God's will. Had Paul resisted his handicap, had he refused to accept it, God could never have shown him the wonderful supply of grace. But Paul submitted to God and found there is no human need which is big enough to drain God's grace. God's grace is always enough for the needs of those who are following the Lord Jesus.



**God's grace for human need.**



**Answer these questions.**

- 3.19 If God removed everything unpleasant from the lives of Christians, how might this affect a person's reason for becoming a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.20 What are three ways God used the Apostle Paul?  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.21 What did God allow Paul to have which caused him to suffer? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.22 What did God promise Paul along with this "thorn" which would enable Paul still to serve God? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.23 What was Paul's first response to his handicap? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.24 What was Paul's response to his handicap when God promised His grace? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.25 What was Paul's response to his handicap as he experienced God's grace? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.26 To whom does God's grace come? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.27 What does God's grace supply? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.28 What is the key to receiving God's grace in a time of need? \_\_\_\_\_  
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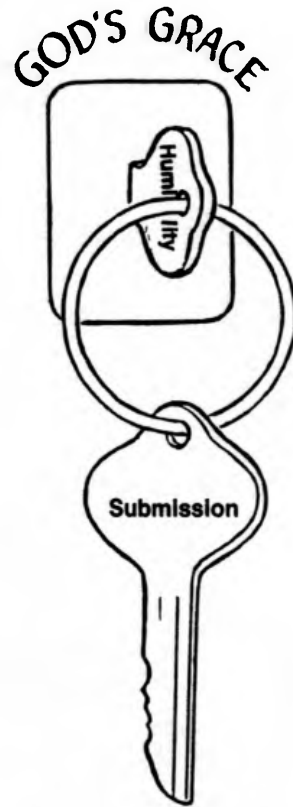


**Read I Peter 5:5.**

**Humility and God's grace.** Another key to God's grace, closely related to submission to God's will, is humility. God gives grace to the humble. He loves to supply their needs. It seems almost as though God receives special joy out of taking those people whom men count as nobody and giving them special wisdom and power.

By God's grace, the humble fishermen, tax collectors, and common men whom Jesus chose as His disciples became powerful preachers. The key was humility. Had these men wanted to make a name for themselves, God could not have used them. But they laid aside such aims. They became humble followers of Jesus. They chose to follow Jesus even though it meant shame and persecution. God's grace so filled the lives of these men with wisdom and power that the Jewish leaders were amazed.

Humility and submission to God's will are not always easy. Sometimes Christians begin to resist God's will. This resisting is a hindrance to God's grace. God will not continue to supply His power and wisdom to those who resist Him and are disobedient to Him. Furthermore, as God's grace enables Christians to do His will, they often accomplish far more than others expect, and even more than they expect themselves. In addition, God's grace changes the character of people, making them more loving, more wise, and more attractive. The power in Christians' lives and the improvements in their character are the result of God's grace. But sometimes Christians forget the grace of God. They begin to think of themselves, how much they have done, and how good they are. They may become proud about the very things God's grace has provided. Pride soon



**Keys to God's grace.**

cuts off the grace of God.

And so, submission to God and humility are still keys to receiving God's grace. God's supply of grace has not run out. It is still ready to meet the needs of those who meet the conditions. Remember, God's grace comes only through Jesus. Those who do not come to Jesus will not receive God's grace; those who come to Jesus in submission and humility will have unending, unlimited grace, no matter what they face.



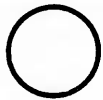
**Fill in the blanks.**

- 3.29 A second key to receiving God's grace is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.30 Humility is closely related to \_\_\_\_\_ to God's will.
- 3.31 God seems to receive special joy out of taking those people whom men count as a. \_\_\_\_\_ and giving them special b. \_\_\_\_\_ and c. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.32 By God's grace, a. \_\_\_\_\_ men whom Jesus chose as His disciples became powerful b. \_\_\_\_\_ .

- 3.33 Jesus' disciples chose to follow Jesus even though it meant a. \_\_\_\_\_ and b. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.34 As God's grace enables Christians to do His will, they often \_\_\_\_\_ far more than others expect.
- 3.35 God's grace changes the character of people, making them more a. \_\_\_\_\_ , more b. \_\_\_\_\_ , and more c. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.36 The power in Christians' lives and the improvements in their character are the result of God's \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.37 God's grace comes only through \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.38 Those who come to Jesus in a. \_\_\_\_\_ and b. \_\_\_\_\_ will have unending, unlimited c. \_\_\_\_\_ , no matter what they face.
- 3.39 Since submission to God's will and humility are two keys to receiving God's grace, two hindrances are a. \_\_\_\_\_ God's will and b. \_\_\_\_\_ .



**Review what you have read and done.** Do you understand the material you have completed, and do you know the objectives and vocabulary? This final Self Check will show if you are ready for the LIGHTUNIT test.



### SELF CHECK 3

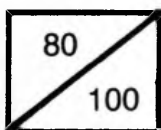
**Match these terms** (each answer, 2 points).

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| 3.01 | _____ love        | a. a physical problem or hindrance       |
| 3.02 | _____ mercy       | b. a continuing commitment               |
| 3.03 | _____ grace       | c. the best expression of God's mercy    |
| 3.04 | _____ infinite    | d. the best expression of grace          |
| 3.05 | _____ handicap    | e. unlimited                             |
| 3.06 | _____ forgiveness | f. compassion which moves to meet needs  |
|      |                   | g. favor which makes resources available |

**Answer these questions** (each answer, 4 points).

- 3.07 What are two keys to receiving God's grace? a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.08 Through whom does God's grace come? \_\_\_\_\_

- 3.09 What apostle found God's grace sufficient for a physical handicap?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.010 What is the root of sin? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.011 What is the first gift of God's grace which a person may experience?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.012 What is the source of our love for God and for others? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.013 Why is God's grace difficult to define? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.014 To whom does God's grace come? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.015 What were Paul's three responses to his handicap?  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.016 What are two things which God's grace provides to those who have need?  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.017 What is the legal meaning of mercy? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.018 What are two things which will hinder God's grace in Christians?  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.019 What does God's grace do for the character of a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3.020 What is the penalty for sin? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.021 How do we lay up treasure in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.022 What provided temporary pardon for sin in the Old Testament? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.023 What does God expect from us when He has forgiven us of our great debt of sin?  
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**Before taking the LIGHTUNIT test, restudy:**

1. All the objectives.
2. All the vocabulary words and their definitions.
3. All Self Checks.
4. Any parts the final Self Check showed you did not understand or know.

