

# SeekingHim

Experiencing the Joy  
of Personal Revival

*A 12-Week Study for Individual and Group Use*

*"You who seek God, let your hearts revive."*

**PSALM 69:32b**

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## Lesson

# 5



# Grace:

## God's Provision for Every Need

**T**hus far in our study, we have seen the need for humility, honesty, and repentance as we seek the Lord. In the following lessons, we will consider several additional keys to experiencing true revival: personal holiness, complete obedience, a clear conscience toward God and others, forgiveness, and sexual purity. At this stage in the process, it could be easy to feel overwhelmed with a sense of conviction, failure, and guilt; some may even be tempted to give up on seeking God for revival.

The good news is that God does not ask us to meet His requirements on our own—in fact, He knows we *can't* live humble, holy, obedient lives without Him. God makes available to every one of His children an incredible resource to make it possible for us to live a godly life. That amazing, extravagant provision is called . . . *grace*.



### MEMORY VERSE

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”  
**(Hebrews 4:16)**

### Going Deeper in the Word

John 1:14–18  
Romans 5:12–17  
Titus 2:11–14



## Day 5: Making It Personal

Grace is one of the richest theological themes in the Bible. But it is far more than just a nice theoretical concept. The grace of God is a vital, practical, transforming gift that is available to every child of God, for every situation and circumstance and moment of life. Today we want to go a step further in applying what we have learned about the grace of God in this lesson by asking two questions: *What do we need God's grace for?* and *How can we get more of God's grace in our lives?*

### What do we need God's grace for?

The correct answer is: *everything!* From birth to regeneration through sanctification, all the way to ultimate glorification—from the cradle to the grave—we are utterly, absolutely, entirely, always dependent on His grace! God's grace is His all-sufficient provision for every need we will ever have.

God's grace rushes to the scene of our *weakness and need*. Take a few moments to identify some specific ways that you need God's grace at this season of your life. Check any of the following that apply:

### I need God's grace in my life to...

- deal with a major disappointment
- deal with the guilt and failure of my past
- forgive someone who has hurt me deeply
- be morally pure
- seek forgiveness from someone I have wronged
- respond to a tough situation at work
- mend a broken relationship
- bear chronic physical pain
- break off a wrong relationship
- repent of a particular sin
- meet pressing financial needs
- resist a particular temptation
- handle loneliness
- overcome a besetting sin
- deal with the pain of my past
- break a habit
- guard my tongue

"Nothing whatever pertaining to godliness and real holiness can be accomplished without grace."

—Augustine

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- love a family member who is hard to love
- be faithful to my mate
- take a specific step of obedience
- honor my parents (or my in-laws)
- love my wife as Christ loves the church
- respect and submit to my husband
- be kind and patient with my kids
- accept a particular ministry opportunity
- fulfill the ministry He has entrusted to me

List any other circumstances that come to mind for which you need God's grace:

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### How can we get more of God's grace in our lives?

God's grace is undeserved, but it is not unconditional. God makes grace available, and He is eager to give it, but there is one condition that must be met.

*But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6)*

What kind of people does God oppose? Why?

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#### **Insight**

Both James and Peter (1 Peter 5:5) quote Proverbs 3:34—"Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble" (NKJV).

What is God's condition for receiving more grace?

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God resists (literally, "sets Himself against") those who are self-sufficient—those who try to manage their lives without Him; those who struggle and strive to live the Christian life on their own; those who are too proud to acknowledge their need.

But He gladly, freely lavishes His grace—all His divine favor and resources—on those who are humble. We demonstrate humility by acknowledging our helplessness and our need (to Him and to others) and by crying out to Him for His grace.

Read Psalm 84:11, James 1:17, and 1 Peter 5:10. What (Who!) is the source of all grace? What does that suggest about where we should look to get our needs met?

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Look back at the items you checked for which you need God's grace right now. Humble yourself before the Lord and tell Him about each of those areas where you need His help. Call out to Him to meet your need. Then thank Him that *His grace is sufficient for you* in each of those areas.