

GRACE AND FAITH

Accessing Grace

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: We access grace by faith-Romans 5:2

I. A part from faith we have no way to access grace; No faith = No access

A. Translations

1. NIRV-Through faith in Jesus we have received God's grace
2. NCV-who through our faith has brought us into that blessing of God's grace that we now enjoy.
3. Phillips-By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise
4. WE-Because we believe, Christ has brought us to the place where God can do us good.)

B. John 14:6-Jesus is the way and faith in the Way's words is our way in

C. Because you determine what you believe you are the only one who deny or grant yourself access to the Grace of God-(John 20:25)

II. Your own unbelief works like a wall to keep you out of the grace of God

A. It's not that grace isn't available, it's that you're unbelief is keeping you out

1. Unbelief walls you off from grace that is available; faith grants you access

B. Numbers 13:2, 14:31-God offered them "grace-land" but they rejected it

1. It wasn't that the land was unavailable or God didn't want them to have it; it was their own unbelief that shut them out (Heb 3:19 AMP-Unbelief kept them out)

III. Faith is the solitary way to get into grace; there is no other way; that tells me to receive grace I HAVE TO BELIEVE something

A. You don't get into grace by begging God-2Cor12:6

1. He's tormented (fear), he's got this thorn (cares), he's begging, he's not in faith

B. Faith is the only thing moves the needle-Hebrews 4:14-16

1. This force of Grace **only** responds to the force of faith
2. Grace wasn't created to respond to anything other than faith

IV. Until we make an unwavering commitment 2 live by faith we will never live by grace

A. Psalm 84:11-12-Those who live by faith will not see grace withheld

1. The upright/just live by faith-Habakkuk 2:4, Hebrews 10:38, Rom 1:17, Gal 3:11
2. The way you walk uprightly is to walk by faith and not by sight-2 Cor 5:7

B. Those who stay in faith WILL see grace-Galatians 6:9, John 8:32

1. No matter what attack you are bombarded with always CHOOSE faith in doing so you choose grace