

As we review Genesis 6, we may be somewhat shocked at the evil corruption demonstrated by humanity in those days. However, in the midst of all of this we find a man who clearly pleased God: *“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord”* (Genesis 6:8 NKJ).

Remarkably, here we observe the first occurrence in Scripture of the word “grace.” So what was Noah’s secret to receiving this grace with God? The word “found” is an active, not a passive verb, (*Noah found grace*). So, if we study Hebrew word definitions, we discover that Noah, not God, made the first move. So, if we want to experience grace, this Scripture indicates that we must make the first move. The Torah does not say *“Noah was chosen by God.”* The Hebrew wording makes it very clear that the first step to accepting God’s grace was Noah’s.

Many have found and experienced “GRACE” multiple times in their walk with our Lord, but how many of us are able to offer a quality dictionary definition for it?

Grace has been defined in several short articles in my website: [www.skipelmore.com](http://www.skipelmore.com) For example, a definition of grace was included in *“Impostor Within Us”* under the *“Our Sin & Grace”* category; however “grace” was not a lead topic in that article.

As stated in it, typically, if you ask a person you are mentoring for the meaning of the word grace you’ll, perhaps, get a remark like *“It’s a gift you don’t deserve.”* You might then come back with, *“You are right, but what’s the gift?”* They might then counter with *“Oh, well it’s unmerited favor.”* You could then come back again with, *“Right again, but what’s the favor? A gift, or a favor, they’re both right, but neither totally satisfies a definition you could enter into a dictionary.”*

Genuine grace provides two life giving components, first, a position of “worthiness” that has no regard for a past history, accomplishments, failures or behavior. Then, with that unearned worthiness, grace provides a new Spiritual “authority” that allows the receiver to speak the release of our Lord’s Spiritual power by expressing our petition with faith. (Read *“Tongue Authority.”* It’s also on the website under the category *“Why We Must Pray”*)

So, what must we do to experience our Lord’s “Grace?” We will never find grace the way Noah did until we purge all fear driven low self-worth challenges. That’s when our faith is made real. That allows us to know we are living those positions of worthiness and authority the way Noah did when he “found grace.”

Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that it’s impossible to please God without faith. The Torah does not tell us Noah was perfect, only that he “found grace.” He found this grace by first demonstrating faith that allowed him to live by a position of worthiness and authority, not just performance or behavior.

**So, what does “GRACE” mean in your vocabulary???**

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