

## **GRACE ORIENTATION (part 1)**

In our Introduction lesson, we learn that teleiology is the study of meat (solid food) doctrines essential for spiritual growth maturity of the Church Age Believer (CAB).

(Heb.5:14) “But solid (meat) food is for the mature (teleios), who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” (1 Cor.2:6-10).

**Today, we will study six points of the first of twelve meat doctrines of teleiology called “Grace Orientation”.**

**1. The Hebrew word that is normally used in the OT for grace is chen. It is normally translated by the English word favor – “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.” (Gen.6:8)**

The Hebrew word chen is a synonym for the Greek word charis and the English word “grace”.

Charis is used this way in the Gospels and especially in the Book of Luke.

(Luke 2:52) “And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and favor (charis) with God and men” (1 Pet.2:18-21).

(Luke 1:28) “Hail, favored one (charitoo / perf.p.ptc.VSF)! The Lord is with you” [Gabriel to Mary].

“The idea of grace more than any other idea binds the two testaments together into a complete work, for the Bible is the story of the saving work of God, that is, the grace of God.”(Theological Word Book of the Bible, pg.101)

**2. The biblical concept of Grace depends completely (100%) upon the Character and Plan of God and never upon man – “The God of all grace.” (1 Pet.5:10)**

“Grace proceeds entirely from within God and is no way conditioned by anything in object of His favor.” (I.S.B.E, vol.2, pg.1290)

(Rom.11:6) “But if (1cc) [and it’s true] it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.”

God’s grace is always sufficient

(2 Cor.12:9) “My grace is sufficient (arkeo / p.a.ind.3ps) for you, for power is perfected (teleioo / p.p.ind.3ps) in weakness.”

For God to meet a human need, it must be compatible with His character and word:

(Acts 20:32) “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

**3. God’s grace can only be freely bestowed where the judicial charges of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) have been pardoned by faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:1-4; Rom.1:16; Acts 20:24) [the gospel of the grace of God] (Titus 2:11-14).**

(Eph.2:8-9) “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”

(Rom.3:24) “Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.”

(Rom.3:28) “For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the law; (2 Tim.1:9; Titus 3:5)

Grace salvation is based entirely upon the merit of the person and work of Jesus Christ and not upon man.

