

What does the Bible say about **Grace**, what it is?

GRACE

Bible studies on **Grace**, writing what I feel the lord says to me, each time the word **Grace** (*or the derivatives of the word*) occurs in the Scriptures.

Preface

We all know what **GRACE** means, and what it is, don't we? One I have heard is, "unmerited favour."

Well, we all appreciate that it comes from: Yod Hey Vav Hey (*the Tetragrammaton name of God, given to Moses*).

ADONAI, Elohim, Yehovah (*an amalgamation of Yod Hey Vav Hey and ADONAI, I am told*) the Lord God of Isra'el, the Mighty One of Ya'akov, Lord of Hosts, to give only some of His many names.

In another study, into the names of ADONAI, I have found well over 120 names and attributes of ADONAI. Fortunately, that study and the other studies-on-a-word, are on the web site www.bible-studies-on-a-word.org.uk.

In common with the other studies I have done so far, each on a single word in the Scriptures, the index is at the beginning instead of more traditionally, at the end, showing the Study number in order to help find the particular verse with the word **GRACE** and what the Lord is saying to me to write, on each occasion. I have done this in order that these studies may be used as a source of reference, although not really intended to be used as daily bible study notes, that is up to the reader. The first eight studies along with "some of the names of God," may be found at:

www.bible-studies-on-a-word.org.uk where I hope these studies will join them, a 9th study on a given word in Scripture.

What I have done, is to read the **whole context** (*usually the whole chapter*) of **the verse** containing the word **GRACE** (*and the variants on that word*) then asking the Lord what he is telling me about **GRACE** (*and the variants on that word*) in that whole context. Obviously, I quote here, only the verse itself. I have used the Complete Jewish Bible and quoted the verse from that, I also quote the **AV or KJV** in parenthesis and italics, below the verse in the **CJB**. So often, the AV simply uses the word **GRACE** without any explanation of the form of **GRACE**. The **CJB** often offers a deeper meaning or the form of the **GRACE**. To find out everywhere the word appears in the Bible, I have used my Cruden's Complete Concordance of the Authorised Version - **AV**. I have 'cut 'n pasted' the verses from the Bible Gateway web site – so much easier than typing each verse separately... www.biblegateway.com

I am, of course, **acutely** aware that my own thoughts have probably intruded in these studies, for which I ask your forgiveness, as and when needed.

This is a means of Bible Study which, I suggest, is an alternative but a good way to study the Bible, finding out what the Lord is saying to you, but there are, of course, many other ways to study the Scriptures – "*yer pays yer money an' yer takes yer choice*," so to speak. Should the reader wish to use these Studies as daily reading notes, please feel free, but be aware that is not the original purpose, but rather to be a

place of reference or just simply to read, the Studies as a matter of interest or curiosity.

I started doing these Studies in 1983 with studies on the word “Righteousness.” Now, with these studies into **GRACE**, there are 2106 of them altogether.

May these studies be a source of blessing to all who read, consult or otherwise use them.

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GRACE

1. **Ezra9:9 CJB:** ⁹ For we are slaves. Yet our God has not abandoned us in our slavery, but has caused the kings of Persia to extend **GRACE** to us, reviving us, so that we can rebuild the house of our God, repair its ruins, and have a wall of defence in Y'hudah and Yerushalayim.

(KJV: ⁹ For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.)

In **this verse** and its context, the Lord God of Isra'el caused the kings of Persia to extend **GRACE** to us. Now whilst we can look upon the **GRACE** in **our verse** as a form of human **GRACE**, it is a **GRACE** that comes from the Lord God, in that it was caused by God! WOW! God will do this when we need some **GRACE**, this is so encouraging! *Saturday 30th of March 2019.*

2. **Esther 2:17 CJB:** ¹⁷ The king liked Esther more than any of his wives; none of the other virgins obtained such favour and approval from him. So he put the royal crown on her head and made her queen in place of Vashti.

*(KJV: ¹⁷ And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained **GRACE** and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.)*

In the UK, Ministers of the crown are sometimes given a "**GRACE** and favour" residence for the duration, not permanently so these two words are linked in the human application. The word **GRACE** only appears in the KJV version, only the "favour" in the CJB. So what do we learn of **GRACE** in this passage?

Comparing the two translations above, would seem to indicate that **GRACE** and approval might be interchangeable terms, the word here is "might!" One might understand here, that **GRACE** is a form of indulgence in approval, in this passage. *31st of March 2019.*

3. **Psalms 45:2 CJB:** ² You are the most handsome of men; **GRACIOUS** speech flows from your lips. For God has blessed you forever.

*(KJV: ² Thou art fairer than the children of men: **GRACE** is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.)*

We see in **this verse**, that **GRACIOUSNESS** flows from the lips of ADONAI. The KJV seems to express this better in my opinion, but what we see here is that **GRACE** is poured out by ADONAI upon those whom He has blessed, in this case the sons of Korach, who addressed this Psalm to the King (*of kings*) the Lord God almighty. *29th of April 2019.*

4. **Psalm 84:11 CJB:** ¹¹ For ADONAI, God, is a sun and a shield; ADONAI bestows favour and honour; he will not withhold anything good from those whose lives are pure.

(KJV: ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give GRACE and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.)

We see here, in the KJV, that **GRACE** (and glory) or as the CJB translates it, favour and honour, is a gift from ADONAI first and foremost. We see also that it is a good thing, as **this verse** goes on to show, it is not withheld from those whose lives are pure, or who walk uprightly. This begs the question to every one of us, do I qualify for that **GRACE**? This means that we must each examine ourselves in the light of **this verse**. *1st of September 2019.*

5. **Proverbs 1:9 CJB:** ⁹ they will be a garland to **GRACE** your head, a medal of honour for your neck.

(KJV: ⁹ For they shall be an ornament of GRACE unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.)

What **powerful words** are these **first 9 verses of Proverbs**! We see here in **verse 9**, that **GRACE** comes as a result of heeding the discipline and teaching of our parents (*as in verse 8*) and heeding doesn't just mean hearing, it means to take them on board and obey them. In this context, we can also take it, that the father is our Father God! If we hear and do these things, they will be like a garland to **GRACE** our head. We see too that **GRACE** in this context is akin to a medal of honour around our neck. *3rd of September 2019.*

6. **Proverbs 3:22 CJB:** ²² they will be life for your being and **GRACE** for your neck.

(KJV: ²² So shall they be life unto thy soul, and GRACE to thy neck.)

This verse, when read out of context (*verses 19 to 24 are the context here*) begs the question, who is "they?" To get the answer, this is why it is so important to read the whole context of **any verse of Scripture**(!) the context today shows us that "they" are the wisdom, understanding and knowledge of ADONAI, shown in the **first 2 verses** of the context. The injunction to us is in **verse 21**, urging us to keep these in sight and preserve common sense and discretion in order to obtain the benefits outlined in this passage in **verses 22 to 26**. Thus, all these benefits shall be **GRACE** about our neck. Thank you Yeshua Ha'Mashiach, that you give us so much wisdom in the book of Proverbs as well as in all **Scripture**.

9th of September 2019.

7. **Proverbs 3:34 CJB:** ³⁴The scornful he scorns, but gives **GRACE** to the humble.

*(KJV: ³⁴ Surely he scorneth the scorers: but he giveth **GRACE** unto the lowly.)*

The context of **our verse** today is **verses 27 to 35**, although **Proverbs** seems to be a collection of individual proverbs, each in its **own verse**, but that is if one only reads the AV/KJV of the Bible. In the CJB, which is the Bible I use most (*but not exclusively*) it puts **our verse** into the context as above. We see in **our verse** here, that if we are humble, and obey all the admonitions in the context, ADONAI will give us His **GRACE**. Also, in the **last verse** of the context, we are shown that **GRACE** is a form of honour, IF we do all that is to be done, or not done, in the context of **verses 27 to 35**. 10th of September 2019

8. **Proverbs 4:9 CJB:** ⁹ she will give your head a garland of **GRACE**, bestow on you a crown of glory.”

*(KJV: ⁹ She shall give to thine head an ornament of **GRACE**: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.)*

The context of **our verse** today is **verses 1 to 9**, it is all about getting wisdom and also get insight, but getting wisdom is the main thing here! The beginning of wisdom is to get wisdom, the desire to get wisdom, not just think, “oh, that would be nice.” We must actively desire the wisdom from ADONAI, on obtaining wisdom, she will exalt you, embrace her and she will bring you honour, give your head a garland of **GRACE** and bestow on you a crown of glory. So what is **GRACE**? Into my mind comes the idea of - it would seem to be a garland of brightness around the head, rather along the likes of a halo. Now whether the Lord put that in my mind or not I don't know. 12th of September 2019

9. **Proverbs 22:11 CJB:** ¹¹ He who loves the pure-hearted and is **GRACIOUS** in speech, will have the king as his friend.

*(KJV: ¹¹ He that loveth pureness of heart, for the **GRACE** of his lips the king shall be his friend.)*

The context here would seem to be a **single verse**. This seems to be about the application of **GRACE**, that one should be pure-hearted and be gracious in speech. If we can do that, we will have friends “in high places.” There is a difference between the 2 translations here, as the KJV implies that one should love pureness of heart – in oneself. Whereas the CJB, inserts the word “the,” implies also seeing it in someone else, whilst the **GRACE**, or **GRACIOUSNESS** in speech is of oneself. Pureness of heart and **GRACE** of speech are standards to which one must aspire. 13th of September 2019.

10. Zechariah 4:7 CJB: ⁷‘What are you, you big mountain? Before Z’rubavel you will become a plain; and he will put the capstone in place, as everyone shouts, “It’s beautiful! Beautiful!”
(**KJV:** ⁷ *Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, GRACE, GRACE unto it.*)

Wow! Very difficult to see what the Lord is saying to me here, about **GRACE**. Reading the whole chapter, then the preceding and following chapters didn’t seem to speak to me about **GRACE**, so I looked at the Contemporary English Version (*CEV*): ⁷*Zerubbabel, that mountain in front of you will be levelled to the ground. Then you will bring out the temple’s most important stone and shout, “God has been very kind.”*^[b] where the “[b]” gives an alternative translation of the last 5 words as: “*What a beautiful stone.*” Now I have three different translations of the word given as **GRACE** in the **KJV**! Oh ADONAI, what are you telling me here about **GRACE** please? So we have “**GRACE**” in the **KJV**; “*It’s beautiful! Beautiful!*” in the **CJB**; “*God has been very kind*” or “*What a beautiful stone*” in the **CEV**. The English Standard Version (*ESV*) gives “**GRACE, GRACE to it!**” whilst the English Standard Version Anglicised (*ESVUK*) gives “**GRACE, GRACE to it!**” It seems that the Lord is telling me that **GRACE** has many alternative meanings, and, amongst these few translations, we see a few of them: beauty, stone and kindness. The Lord eventually got me there.. Thank you, thank you ADONAI! Amen! Amen! and Amen!
14th of September 2019.

11. Zechariah 12:10 CJB: ¹⁰ and I will pour out on the house of David and on those living in Yerushalayim a spirit of **GRACE** and prayer; and they will look to me, whom they pierced.” They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son; they will be in bitterness on his behalf like the bitterness for a firstborn son.
(**KJV:** ¹⁰ *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of GRACE and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*)

The first thing to see here is that **GRACE** is poured out by ADONAI, then, secondly, **GRACE** is associated with prayer. Reflecting on the first line of *our verse* today, He shows me that this Spirit of **GRACE** and prayer is poured out on the “house of David and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim,” in other words, upon the Jewish people. This would seem to be exclusive, but I am reminded that as one saved by the **GRACE** of God, although not a Jew, I have the privilege, granted by God, of being grafted in to the root of true Judaism (**Romans 11:17**). Hence, this outpouring of **GRACE** and prayer is upon me, even as a Gentile. Thank you Father God!!!
17th of September 2019

12. John 1:14 CJB: ¹⁴ The Word became a human being and lived with us, and we saw his *Sh'khinah*, the *Sh'khinah* of the Father's only Son, full of **GRACE** and truth.

(KJV: ¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of GRACE and truth.)

We learn in **our verse today** of the connection between **GRACE** and truth and the *Sh'kinah* or Glory of God. So far in our studies, it seems that **GRACE** is coupled with other things. We see here that Yeshua, at birth, was full of **GRACE** (*and truth*) so what does this mean? It seems that there was a “brightness” or difference about the baby, this isn't mentioned in the Scriptures as such, but the baby was recognised by the Magi as the one of whom they had been sent to see as the new born King of Isra'el. John is saying here in **our verse**, “we saw his *Sh'kinah* of the Father's only son, full of **GRACE** and truth.”

18th of September 2019.

13. John 1:16 CJB: ¹⁶ We have all received from his fullness, yes, **GRACE** upon **GRACE**.

(KJV: ¹⁶ And of his fullness have all we received, and GRACE for GRACE.)

Who is “we?” **Verse 12** gives the answer: ¹² **But to as many as did receive him, to those who put their trust in his person and power, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ not because of bloodline, physical impulse or human intention, but because of God.** Yes, **our verse** tells us that we, from His fullness, have received **GRACE** upon **GRACE**! From this, we see that **GRACE** is not quantifiable, since here we have received **GRACE** upon **GRACE**. So, are we any closer to defining **GRACE** in this, **our verse** today? Previously, it is favour, honour, a garland, but today, is shown that **GRACE** is not quantifiable. Today we see not another definition of **GRACE**, but an aspect. *19th of-September 2019.*

14. John 1:17 CJB: ¹⁷ For the *Torah* was given through Moshe; **GRACE** and truth came through Yeshua the Messiah.

(KJV: ¹⁷ For the law was given by Moses, but GRACE and truth came by Jesus Christ.)

In **our verse** today, we see **GRACE** apparently contrasted with the “Law.” Now it is commonly assumed by many, that the “Law” is no longer applicable to us believers, but this is not the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We are saved by **GRACE**, it is true, but that does not mean that the Teachings (*wrongly translated “Law”*) are no longer applicable. We have only to think about the 10 “words” (*Commandments*) they are just as applicable today, and the Shabbat was given in Genesis, long before the Teachings were given in Exodus! **GRACE**, given by Yeshua, gives us the ability to keep the Teachings. Now we don't keep the ceremonial or sacrificial Teachings because Yeshua supplanted them by His life and death at Calvary. Thank you Lord Yeshua, please keep giving me your **GRACE**.

21st of September 2019.

15. Acts 4:33 CJB: ³³ With great power the emissaries continued testifying to the resurrection of the Lord Yeshua, and they were all held in high regard. (***KJV:** ³³ And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great **GRACE** was upon them all.*)

Big difference between the translations here! I checked several other translations and most use the word **GRACE**, but some used other words, one being “close fellowship was there.” So, what do we learn here about **GRACE** in **our verse** today? Firstly, that **GRACE** came upon them all, as did the Baptism of the Ruach Ha’Kodesh (*Holy Spirit*) at Shavuot (*Pentecost*) as in the **previous verse**. Then we see, that as a result of this, they (*the believers*) were held in high regard by all those who heard the testimony of the Emissaries (*Apostles*). Thus, we see, not so much, what is **GRACE**, but a result of it being upon each of them at that time. *22nd of September 2019.*

16. Acts 14:3 CJB: ³ Therefore, Sha’ul and Bar-Nabba remained for a long time, speaking boldly about the Lord, who bore witness to the message about his love and kindness by enabling them to perform signs and miracles. (***KJV:** ³ Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his **GRACE**, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.*)

In **this verse** today we see, between these two translations, that (*part of*) **GRACE** is the love and kindness of the Lord. We also see that a work, or function of **GRACE** is to enable believers to carry out, or perform signs and wonders (*miracles*). Oh ADONAI, that you would pour out Your **GRACE** upon us today, that we, I, may bring others into Your Kingdom and give glory to You today and every day. *23rd of September 2019.*

17. Acts 18:27 CJB: ²⁷ When he made plans to cross over into Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the *talmidim* there to welcome him. On arrival, he greatly helped those who through **GRACE** had come to trust; (***KJV:** ²⁷ And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through **GRACE:***)

In **our verse** today, we see that **GRACE** is an enabler, enabling those “in the process” of becoming believers to actually become believers. Only by the choice of God and the **GRACE** of God can we ever become believers in Yeshua as our Lord and Saviour, to trust Him for that salvation. In the previous study, it showed how **GRACE** enabled believers to perform signs and wonders. This confirms **our verse** today. *24th of September 2019.*

18. Acts 20:32 CJB: ³² “And now I entrust you to the care of the Lord and to the message of **his love and kindness**, for it can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who have been set apart for God.
(*KJV: ³² And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his **GRACE**, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*)

In **our verse** today, we see, between the translations, that **GRACE** in the KJV is **love and kindness** in the CJB. It is becoming obvious, as we go through these Studies, that there is no one word that can define **GRACE**, for **GRACE** has not just a meaning, but, as in the previous study, **GRACE** also conveys a function (*enabling*). Today, we see that **GRACE** means **love and kindness**, both from the Lord.
25th of September 2019.

19. Romans 1:5 CJB: ⁵ Through him we received **GRACE** and were given the work of being an emissary on his behalf promoting trust-grounded obedience among all the Gentiles,
(*KJV: ⁵ By whom we have received **GRACE** and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:*)

This **GRACE** is a gift from ADONAI Himself, for, as the KJV says, being obedient in sharing the faith in Yeshua the Mashiach and the salvation offered by His death and resurrection. We see in **our verse** today, a linking of Apostleship (*being an emissary*) to receiving **GRACE**. It shows that **GRACE** is a reward for obedience.
26th of September 2019.

20. Romans 1:7 CJB: ⁷ To: All those in Rome whom God loves, who have been called, who have been set apart for him: **GRACE** to you and *shalom* from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.
(*KJV: ⁷ To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: **GRACE** to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*)

In **our verse** today, we see a linking of **GRACE** and Peace. So what is the link between them? Well, they are both gifts from God the Father and whoever has the **GRACE** of God also has the peace of God within them. To a certain extent, whoever has the peace of God within them, also has the **GRACE** of God. Hallelujah! I can witness to the peace of God within me, since Sheila, my wife, died at Christmas 2013, although I still miss her very much, I have peace within me, since I am sure of where she is now, safe in the arms of Yeshua, as she gave her life to the Lord way back in '59. Hallelujah again! And again, Hallelujah!
27th of September 2019.

21. Romans 3:24 CJB: ²⁴ By God's **GRACE**, without earning it, all are granted the status of being considered righteous before him, through the act redeeming us from our enslavement to sin that was accomplished by the Messiah Yeshua.

*(KJV: ²⁴ Being justified freely by his **GRACE** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.)*

I would suggest that the context here is **verses 19 to 28 of this chapter**. What do we learn of **GRACE** here? **GRACE** is a gift of God. We cannot earn it! It comes as a result of our trust or faith in the work of Yeshua Ha'Mashiach through the cross and His resurrection. No amount of obeying the Torah (*literally teachings*) will bring us to the place of receiving this **GRACE**! Once we receive this **GRACE** through trusting in the saving work of Yeshua Ha'Mashiach, we are considered, by God, to be righteous before him.

Interesting, that the CJB uses the words "**status of being considered righteous**," *in this verse.* *28th of September 2019.*

22. Romans 4:4 CJB: ⁴ Now the account of someone who is working is credited not on the ground of **GRACE** but on the ground of what is owed him. *(KJV: ⁴ Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of **GRACE**, but of debt.)*

God owes us nothing. Wow! How is that for an opening statement? We read **in verses 1 to 5** that nothing Avraham DID, was credited to him as righteousness. It is made clear in this paragraph, that Avraham had Righteousness credited to his (*Heavenly*) account **ONLY** because he put his Trust in God! This righteousness is **GRACE**, a free gift of God, to those who do put their trust in God. This gift of **GRACE** cannot be earned, but comes only as the "reward" for trusting in God. *29th of September 2019.*

23. Romans 4:16 CJB: ¹⁶ The reason the promise is based on trusting is so that it may come as God's free gift, a promise that can be relied on by all the **seed**, not only those who live within the framework of the *Torah*, but also those with the kind of trust Avraham had — *Avraham avinu* for all of us. (**KJV:** ¹⁶ *Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by **GRACE**; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*)

Reading **verses 13 to 22**, it can be seen that the Promises made by God are trustworthy. In the KJV, it says that the promise comes true by **GRACE**, or is a free gift, by trusting, in the CJB. Avraham, received the promise that he would be the father of (*or to*) many nations. This is shown by the fact that he fathered a son by Hagar, Sarah's maid, then one miraculously by his wife Sarah. Sarah died at the age of 127 (**Genesis 23:1**, *at which time Avraham would be 137*) and later he married again, to Keturah, with whom he had SIX more sons (**Genesis 25:1, 2**) and from these EIGHT sons came 8 nations, truly fulfilling the promise! Now, after that history lesson, we see that **GRACE** is also the free gift of God. *30th of September 2019.*

24. Romans 5:2 CJB: ² Also through him and on the ground of our trust, we have gained access to this **GRACE** in which we stand; so let us boast about the hope of experiencing God's glory. (**KJV:** ² *By whom also we have access by faith into this **GRACE** wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*)

Our verse today, tells us that **GRACE** then, has a characteristic of permanence, since **our verse** tells us that we can stand in it. The context here is from **Chapter 4:23 to chapter 5:5**. This is one of those many passages in Scripture, where the chapter division breaks up the flow of meaning. We also see in this passage, that **GRACE** is obtained by trust or faith in Yeshua Ha'Mashiach. One thing we do see here is that **GRACE** is not a protection against troubles, Spiritual or physical, but it is something of which we can boast as it gives "**us** **the hope of experiencing God's glory.**" Hallelujah! *1st of October 2019.*

25. Romans 5:17 CJB: ¹⁷ For if, because of the offence of one man, death ruled through that one man; how much more will those receiving the overflowing **GRACE**, that is, the gift of being considered righteous, rule in life through the one man Yeshua the Messiah!

*(KJV: ¹⁷ For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of **GRACE** and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*

In **our verse** today, we see that the gift of **GRACE** is the gift of being considered righteous. Here we have another aspect of the **GRACE** of God. Now this letter is written to the believers in Rome, NOT to pagans, non-believers in Yeshua, and, the salvation He offers to those who believe and repent of their sins, accepting that salvation so freely offered by Yeshua. We also see here in **our verse**, that the **GRACE** (of God) overflows over believers. Hallelujah!!!

2nd of October 2019.

26. Romans 5:20 CJB: ²⁰ And the *Torah* came into the picture so that the offence would proliferate; but where sin proliferated, **GRACE** proliferated even more.

*(KJV: ²⁰ Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, **GRACE** did much more abound:)*

Strangely, at the start of **our verse** today, we are told that the purpose of the Torah (or Teachings) was to show the Isra'elis that they couldn't keep all the Teachings of the Torah! However, the more sin proliferated, the more so **GRACE** abounded even more! We see here then that the **GRACE** of God overcomes the sins of mankind, because as believers in Yeshua Ha'Mashiach, we know that we sin, since we know that we have a sin nature, which continually fights against the **GRACE** that the Father gives us as born again believers. Oh thank you Father God. Hallelujah!

3rd of October 2019.

27. Romans 5:21 CJB: ²¹ All this happened so that just as sin ruled by means of death, so also **GRACE** might rule through causing people to be considered righteous, so that they might have eternal life, through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord.

*(KJV: ²¹ That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might **GRACE** reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.)*

Once again, the context here is **verses 15 to 21 of this chapter**. The first thing to note in **our verse**, is that **GRACE** rules! “Sin ruled by means of death, also, **GRACE** might rule through causing people to be considered righteous.” We obtain this **GRACE** by trust or faith in Yeshua Ha'Mashiach our Lord, and by this trust and the resulting **GRACE** that we are given to rule in our lives, we have eternal life, effectively, our entry pass into Heaven to be with our Lord Yeshua for all eternity. Father God, how can we ever thank you for the gift of your **GRACE**, other than by learning Your ways and walking only in Your paths for the rest of our lives here on earth.

4th of October 2019.

28. Romans 6:1 CJB: ¹ So then, are we to say, “Let’s keep on sinning, so that there can be more **GRACE**”?
(*KJV: ¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that **GRACE** may abound?*)

The first words of **our verse** today, refer to the **last few verses** at the end of the **previous chapter**, where we see that **GRACE** trumps sin, if we accept that **GRACE**. **Our verse** today, shows us that, having accepted that **GRACE**, we cannot, must not carry on sinning, on the false assumption, that more sin equals more **GRACE**! For this is simply not true! **Verse 2** gives the lie to this false assumption, since we have died to sin. *5th of October 2019.*

29. Romans 6:14 CJB: ¹⁴ For sin will not have authority over you; because you are not under legalism but under **GRACE**.
(*KJV: ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under **GRACE**.*)

Wow! Legalism leads to sin, is what **our verse** today is saying. Also, that since we are now, as believers, under **GRACE**, sin no longer has authority over us! However, as we see in the **latter part of Chapter 7**, this doesn’t mean that we are total free from sinning! In **our verse** today, we do see, that we do not have to obey our sinful desires, but we should walk in the **GRACE** of God, which helps us to deny sin its authority over our lives. *6th of October 2019.*

30. Romans 6:15 CJB: ¹⁵ Therefore, what conclusion should we reach? “Let’s go on sinning, because we’re not under legalism but under **GRACE**”? Heaven forbid!
(*KJV: ¹⁵ What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under **GRACE**? God forbid.*)

Conclusion? The **context here is from verse 12 to verse 23**, where there is much about to whom do we wish to become slaves. The Scripture here shows us to which we should go. To sin? As **our verse** tells us, **HEAVEN FORBID!!!!** No, we are directed to become slaves to righteousness (**verse 18**) by the **GRACE** of God. So what of **GRACE** do we learn today? It is the opposite to legalism, it is the gift from God, we **become made holy, set apart for God, and its end result is eternal life (verse 22)**. Which is the end most obviously desirable, as **verse 16** says and **verse 22** says, to be righteous, holy, set apart for God and to receive eternal life instead of death. Thank you, thank you Father God, for your gift of **GRACE**! *7th of October 2019.*

31. **Romans 11:5 CJB:** ⁵ It's the same way in the present age: there is a remnant, chosen by **GRACE**.
(**KJV:** ⁵ *Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of **GRACE**.*)

When a **chapter** of Scripture begins, as does this one, with words like “**In that case**,” or “**Therefore**,” as in **Chapters 8 or 12**, one must be curious as to what the end of the **previous chapter** was saying. Hence it is suggested that the context of **our verse** today starts at **chapter 10:16** and continues to right down to **chapter 11:8**. Having now set the context and read it, what is the Lord God telling us about **GRACE**? His **GRACE** is what God uses to make His decisions in days of old, as well as at the present time. Today, by that same **GRACE**, God has chosen a remnant, just the same as in “days of old,” not all will accept the salvation offered by the actions of Yeshua Ha’Mashiach. I, the writer, do not understand the whys and wherefores of God’s choices, but I am eternally grateful, that in His **GRACE**, He has chosen me to be one of the remnant today, who seek to walk in His ways. Hallelujah, **P. T. L. A.: Praise The Lord Anyway/Always!**
8th of October 2019.

32. **Romans 11:6 CJB:** ⁶ (Now if it is by **GRACE**, it is accordingly not based on legalistic works; if it were otherwise, **GRACE** would no longer be **GRACE**.)
(**KJV:** ⁶ *And if by **GRACE**, then is it no more of works: otherwise **GRACE** is no more **GRACE**. But if it be of works, then it is no more **GRACE**: otherwise work is no more work.*)

One could just repeat the **CJB verse** here, since it says it all really. **GRACE**, mentioned in **our verse**, 3 times here in the CJB and 4 times in the KJV. We see here in this passage that **GRACE** chooses who will be part of the remnant of the nation(s) who are believers in Yeshua Ha’Mashiach. So **GRACE** is also an action, **GRACE** chooses as in **the previous verse**. We cannot use **GRACE** as a method of choosing, this is the prerogative of God alone. Again, **our verse** today, shows that our obtaining **GRACE** from God has nothing at all to do with legalistic works, as seen in previous studies of the word. *9th of October 2019.*

33. Romans 12:3 CJB: ³ For I am telling every single one of you, through the **GRACE** that has been given to me, not to have exaggerated ideas about your own importance. Instead, develop a sober estimate of yourself based on the standard which God has given to each of you, namely, trust.

*(KJV: ³ For I say, through the **GRACE** given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.)*

Again, in the first few words of **this chapter**, we have a ‘therefore.’ To find why it is there, we need to read the **previous chapter** from **verse 25 to the end**, which sets our context, which continues in **chapter 12, down to verse 8**. Paul (*in Hebrew, Sha’ul*) is using the **GRACE** bestowed on him, to extol the Roman Gentile believers, not to ‘lord’ it over others, believers or otherwise and in particular, over the Jewish believers, who had been banished from Rome by Caesar, but were beginning to return to Rome. This **GRACE** upon Sha’ul, enabled him to admonish the Gentile believers for their self importance, and tells them how they should behave, namely: in the trust given to each of them by God.

10th of October 2019.

34. Romans 12:6 CJB: ⁶ But we have gifts that differ and which are meant to be used according to the **GRACE** that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, use it to the extent of your trust;

*(KJV: ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the **GRACE** that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;)*

We each have gifts, different from each other believer and we are meant to use the gift(s) by the **GRACE** given to each of us. **Our verse today** is one of similar ones **in verses 4 to 8**, showing how we are to use the gift(s) assigned to each of us. The **GRACE** we have, as believers, enables us to exercise the gift(s) we have been given, in the trust or faith we have in the Lord Yeshua. In this way, God’s **GRACE** will be seen in us, by those for or to whom we exercise the gift(s). In this way two things happen: God is glorified and God’s plans and purposes are performed or carried out. Hallelujah! **GRACE** is here shown to be an enabling force and something to be observed.

11th of October 2019.

35. Romans 15:15 CJB: ¹⁵ But on some points I have written to you quite boldly by way of reminding you about them, because of the **GRACE** God has given me

*(KJV: ¹⁵ Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the **GRACE** that is given to me of God,)*

GRACE here, is shown to be an empowering (*in our verse today and into the next verse*) for Sha'ul to carry out a priestly duty, as a servant of Yeshua, to bring the good news, the Gospel, to the Gentiles. So we see here that the **GRACE** of God authorises people, in this case, the Emissary (*Apostle*) Sha'ul as in this letter to the believers in Rome, to carry out a priestly duty, in order that the Gentiles in Rome may be an acceptable offering to the Lord God, being made holy by the Ruach Ha'Kodesh. *12th of October 2019.*

36. 1 Corinthians 1:3 CJB: ³ **GRACE** to you and *shalom* from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

*(KJV: ³ **GRACE** be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.)*

GRACE, in *our verse* today, is shown to be a gift which may be given by any believer, in this case Sha'ul to fellow believers as a form of greeting. We see too, in *our verse* today, that **GRACE** is coupled with *Shalom* (*deep abiding Peace*), which is also to be given as a part of a gift or greeting, or *Shalom* may be the entire greeting. As is seen in *our verse* today, **GRACE** (*and Shalom*) are given as a gift as from the Father Himself. *13th of October 2019.*

37. 1 Corinthians 10:30 CJB: ³⁰ If I participate with thankfulness, why am I criticized over something for which I myself bless God?"

*(KJV: ³⁰ For if I by **GRACE** be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?)*

The context here is *verses 23 to 33*, to the *end of the chapter*. The CJB translates **GRACE** (*in the KJV*) in *our verse* today as thankfulness, which gives us another aspect of **GRACE**, as being in a state of thankfulness. The context is that of being invited to someone's home for a meal, where we should eat with thankfulness, **GRACE** without question. However, should someone else at that meal, in conscience, point out, that part of the meal has been offered as a sacrifice, in deference to that other person's conscience, we should NOT eat that part of the meal. We should do this (*or not, in this case*) for the glory of our God and for the sake of that other person's conscience. *14th of October 2019.*

38. **1 Corinthians 15:10 CJB:** ¹⁰ But by God's **GRACE** I am what I am, and his **GRACE** towards me was not in vain; on the contrary, I have worked harder than all of them, although it was not I but the **GRACE** of God with me.
(*KJV: ¹⁰ But by the **GRACE** of God I am what I am: and his **GRACE** which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the **GRACE** of God which was with me.*)

Three times **GRACE** in **our verse** today! Sha'ul was here reminding the Corinthians, **in verse 1 of this chapter**, of the good news (*Gospel*) which they had received and Sha'ul is here in **our verse**, reminding them that he is what he is by the **GRACE** of God and that that **GRACE** was not in vain, since he had worked harder (*for the Gospel*) than all the Emissaries (*Apostles*). Sha'ul then wrote that it was not him who did all the work but the **GRACE** within him. So what of **GRACE** here in **our verse** today? **GRACE** works, **GRACE** performs works. *15th of October 2019.*

39. **2 Corinthians 1:2 CJB:** ² **GRACE** to you and *shalom* from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.
(*KJV: ² **GRACE** be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*)

What a greeting, **² GRACE to you and shalom from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.** **GRACE** is a gift from God, which, as we see here in **our verse** today, can be offered to other believers. As we see here, it can be offered in conjunction with Shalom (*which means far, far more than just peace*). As in **our verse** today, **GRACE** is a blessing to those to whom it is addressed. If **GRACE** is offered to anyone, it must be received in the same way that Salvation is offered and **MUST** be received. If it is not received, it shows that the one to whom it is offered, is rejecting God Himself. *16th of October 2019.*

40. **2 Corinthians 4:15 CJB:** ¹⁵ All this is for your sakes, so that as **GRACE** flows out to more and more people, it may cause thanksgiving to overflow and bring glory to God.
(*KJV: ¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant **GRACE** might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.*)

“**As GRACE flows out to more and more people,**” it says in **our verse** today. What does this mean? It speaks of each of us believers, as we go about our lives, the **GRACE** of God shines out of us, or it should do, if we are His witnesses. In **our verse** today we see that **GRACE** has a characteristic of flowing, flowing out from each of our lives, if we live in Yeshua and He lives in us. We must not be afraid to talk of Yeshua and what He has done for each of us who trust in Him. The Lord is speaking to me, the writer, about my witness here today, for Him. Is He speaking to you too? Do I, do we, each shine with the **GRACE** of God, bringing Him glory? *17th of October 2019.*

41. 2 Corinthians 8:6 CJB: ⁶ All this has led us to urge Titus to bring this same **GRACIOUS** gift to completion among you, since he has already made a beginning of it.

*(KJV: ⁶ Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same **GRACE** also.)*

In **our verse** today, I'm afraid that the KJV doesn't make much sense to me. From the context, **verses 1 to 14 of this chapter**, seems to be a plea to the Corinthians, to give, to support other less well off believers in other places. Sha'ul says that he has urged Titus to complete this form of **GRACE** in the Corinthians, to whom this letter is written. Very hard, to me, to receive what the Ruach Ha'Kodesh is saying here about **GRACE**. *18th of October 2019.*

42. 2 Corinthians 8:7 CJB: ⁷ Just as you excel in everything, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in diligence of every kind, and in your love for us, see that you excel in this gift too.

*(KJV: ⁷ Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this **GRACE** also.)*

What is this **GRACE** referred to at the end of **our verse** in the KJV? The CJB refers to "this gift," in which we and the Corinthians are to excel or abound. The **first 6 verses of this chapter** allude to poverty and financial generosity, from which one must assume that **our verse and the previous one** refer to gifts of money, and their generosity in such giving. We must notice here, that this money is in no way for Sha'ul or Titus (*they were not of the "prosperity gospel," like some today, especially as we hear from America*). We learn elsewhere, that these gifts were for the impoverished in Yerushalayim. We learn today that **GRACE** is a gift of giving, AND, not only money. *19th of October 2019.*

43. 2 Corinthians 8:19 CJB: ¹⁹ not only that, he has also been appointed by the congregations to travel with us, so that the way we administer this charitable work will bring honour to the Lord and show our eagerness to help.

*(KJV: ¹⁹ And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this **GRACE**, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:)*

Between the CJB and the KJV, we see in **our verse** today, an aspect of **GRACE**, which is honouring the Lord. The **chapter (8)** in which we are reading today is concerning the financial gift from the Corinthians to the poor in Yerushalayim, by the hands of Titus. **Verse 20** reveals that this gift is a substantial sum of money, which shows that a lot of trust is put in Titus and those going with him to Yerushalayim. They must each be worthy of the **GRACE** bestowed upon them. *20th of October 2019.*

44. 2 Corinthians 9:8 CJB: ⁸ Moreover, God has the power to provide you with every **GRACIOUS** gift in abundance, so that always in every way you will have all you need yourselves and be able to provide abundantly for every good cause

*(KJV: ⁸ And 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:)*

Having read the **whole chapter** to get the complete sense of what **GRACE** is all about here, we see that **GRACE** here, is about giving and the result of the same. The **previous verse** to our verse, **verse 7**, has that well known quotation, “**God loves a cheerful giver.**” The CJB has “...**every GRACIOUS gift...**” meaning that we have the gift of being not only a “**cheerful giver,**” we should expect that since we operate in the **GRACE** of God and are generous, we shall have, as the KJV puts it, “*that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work,*” we will have everything required for our own needs and to be generous toward the needs of others. Thank you Father God, for your generosity towards each of us believers. *26th of October 2019.*

45. 2 Corinthians 12:9 CJB: ⁹ but he told me, “My **GRACE** is enough for you, for my power is brought to perfection in weakness.” Therefore, I am very happy to boast about my weaknesses, in order that the Messiah’s power will rest upon me.

*(KJV: ⁹ And he said unto me, My **GRACE** is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.)*

The **GRACE** of God is enough! For what is God’s **GRACE** enough? In the context of these **first 10 verses of this chapter**, we see that this **GRACE** is enough to more than make up for ALL our weaknesses. So **GRACE** is powerful, **GRACE** overcomes our weakness, **GRACE** enables each of us to do what God wants us to do and be, in spite of our weaknesses. *27th of October 2019.*

46. Galatians 1:3 CJB: ³ **GRACE** and *shalom* to you from God our Father and from the Lord Yeshua the Messiah,

*(KJV: ³ **GRACE** be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,)*

What we see in **the verse** before us is that **GRACE** is being used as a form of greeting. **GRACE** and peace are coupled together too. Notice, however, that the greeting is “**from God our Father and from the Lord Yeshua,**” not from Sha’ul, who is here, just the means of communicating that greeting from them. **Verse 4** expounds upon who they are. *28th of October 2019.*

47. Galatians 1:6 CJB: ⁶I am astounded that you are so quick to remove yourselves from me, the one who called you by the Messiah's **GRACE**, and turn to some other supposedly "Good News,"
(*KJV: ⁶I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the **GRACE** of Christ unto another gospel:*)

These 2 translations have the same message about **GRACE**, except that the CJB says that those Galatian believers were called BY **GRACE** and the KJV says that they were called INTO **GRACE**. It is still the same **GRACE** calling us all into the salvation offered by the sacrifice of Yeshua Ha'Mashiach on the cross. The point being, that there is only one Gospel offering that salvation, by the **GRACE** of Yeshua. So here we see that **GRACE** calls each one of us into that salvation so freely offered. 29th of October 2019.

48. Galatians 1:15 CJB: ¹⁵But when God, who picked me out before I was born and called me by his **GRACE**, chose
(*KJV: ¹⁵But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his **GRACE**,*)

We see in **our verse** today, that **GRACE** is an attribute of God Himself. Also that Sha'ul was predestined to become not only a believer, but and emissary (*apostle*) too. It is wonderful that the Father knows all about us before we are even born, as we see in **our verse** today. We see that God knows all things and knows what choices we will make in the free will He has given to us, NOT that He controls our free will! Hallelujah! 30th of October 2019.

49. Galatians 2:9 CJB: ⁹So, having perceived what **GRACE** had been given to me, Ya'akov, Kefa and Yochanan, the acknowledged pillars of the community, extended to me and Bar-Nabba the right hand of fellowship; so that we might go to the Gentiles, and they to the Circumcised.
(*KJV: ⁹And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the **GRACE** that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.*)

(*Before we start, isn't interesting to remember that the king who authorised the translation of the Greek/Hebrew/Aramaic to become the KJV, was named James?*) **GRACE** is here shown to be given to, in this case in **our verse** today, to the emissaries (*apostles*) but as we see in the rest of Scripture, to all true believers. Please read the **whole chapter** down to **verse 16** to get the whole context here. We can see that the other emissaries in Yerushalayim recognised that **GRACE** in Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba, and accepted what they were telling them. of the work among the Gentiles. Not sure why Titus was not included here, but that is a whole different story, not being covered here.

31st of October 2019.

50. Galatians 5:4 CJB ⁴You who are trying to be declared righteous by God through legalism have severed yourselves from the Messiah! You have fallen away from God's **GRACE!**

*(KJV: ⁴Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from **GRACE**.)*

There is only one **GRACE!** That is the **GRACE** of God Himself. It is only through the **GRACE** of God that we may enter the Kingdom of God; He will not acknowledge any obedience to the teachings (Torah) once we have accepted the salvation offered by Yeshua, through His going to the cross and His resurrection. This is clearly expressed in **our verse** today. If we try to win the Father's approval by obeying the teachings (Torah) and here in the context of **our verse**, it specifically mentions having b'rit-milah (*Circumcision*) after our salvation, then we will have cut ourselves off from the **GRACE** of God and from salvation! Wow!

1st of November 2019.

51. Ephesians 1:2 CJB: ²**GRACE** to you and *shalom* from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

(KJV: ²GRACE be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.)

In **our verse** today, we see **GRACE** being used as a greeting, yet so much more than just a greeting! In **our verse** today, it is coupled with *shalom* as part of that greeting, however, we just take it as just the words of a greeting. Oh how wrong are we, as we simply ignore what is in that **GRACE**, and indeed in that *shalom* too! As we have seen in previous studies into this word **GRACE**, it is so much more! **GRACE** is power, **GRACE** is forgiveness, **GRACE** is of God Himself, **GRACE** is a calling into the Will of God the Father, **GRACE** is giving and **OH**, so much more. *On a personal note, this day would have been our 62nd Wedding Anniversary and I am now away for 14 days, but together we "only" made it to 56 years. Thank you Lord for 56.*

2nd of November 2019.

52. Ephesians 1:6 CJB: ⁶so that we would bring him praise commensurate with the glory of the **GRACE** he gave us through the Beloved One.

*(KJV: ⁶To the praise of the glory of his **GRACE**, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.)*

In **our verse** today, we see that **GRACE** has an attribute of glory. We also see that we are expected, in our Christian walk, to bring praise to the Son, Yeshua Mashiach. This means MUCH more than our singing His praises, it means to live a life like His, where our whole lifestyle brings praise to Yeshua. I heard Tony Pearce say, a few weeks ago at TOL (*Tree Of Life Messianic Fellowship, in Ilford*) that our salvation is not the be all and end all, that we have arrived, it simply gets us to the starting line of the Christian life, where we must start cleaning our lives toward a truly Christian lifestyle, modelled on Yeshua! At this point, we have NOT arrived at the gates of Heaven!!!! (I've been away for 2 weeks in Norfolk)

16th of November 2019.

53. Ephesians 1:7 CJB: ⁷In union with him, through the shedding of his blood, we are set free, our sins are forgiven; this accords with the wealth of the **GRACE** ⁸he has lavished on us. In all his wisdom and insight
(*KJV: ⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his GRACE;*)

In **our verse** today, we see that **GRACE** has yet another attribute, that of wealth or riches. Now this is nothing to do with cash or ‘money in the bank.’ These riches, refer to the sheer volume or quantity of the Father’s **GRACE**, which He, as in **verse 8** says, ‘has lavished on us.’ Now ‘us’ in this case is we believers, not the whole world, although Adonai doesn’t desire for any to be consigned to the lake of fire! He has given everyone free choice: to walk in His way, or carry on in our own way ‘of the world.’ **GRACE**, in our context is His favour, lavished, as we see in **our verse**, upon every believer. How can we ever be able to thank Him for this **GRACE**? By striving, seeking the help of the Lord, to live the lifestyle, as in the previous study. Thank you Lord that You are longing to guide and help us walk in Your paths. *17th of November 2019.*

54. Ephesians 2:5 CJB: ⁵that, even when we were dead because of our acts of disobedience, he brought us to life along with the Messiah, it is by **GRACE** that you have been delivered.
(*KJV: ⁵Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by GRACE ye are saved;)*)

GRACE is a deliverer! In **our verse** today, we are told that we have been delivered (*saved in the KJV*) from the way we used to live, before we accepted the sacrifice of Yeshua on the cross for our sins, that we committed up to that point. Reading **verses 1 to 10 of this chapter** reveals more about the work of **GRACE**, and, in fact, revealed in the next 2 studies. What a God we have!
18th of November 2019.

55. Ephesians 2:7 CJB: ⁷in order to exhibit in the ages to come how infinitely rich is his **GRACE**, how great is his kindness toward us who are united with the Messiah Yeshua.
(*KJV: ⁷That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his GRACE in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*)

Our verse today starts with ‘in order.’ Why? The **previous verse** tells us that we have been ‘seated us with Him in Heaven’ and **our verse** follows by telling us that this in ‘in order to exhibit in the ages to come how infinitely rich is his **GRACE**, how great is his kindness toward us who are united with the Messiah Yeshua.’ So, we are here as believers, in order to exhibit His **GRACE** to the whole world, in all its infinite richness and His kindness toward us. Yeshua died on the cross for **all** the sins of the world, but only those who repent and accept the forgiveness offered through the cross, are the ones seated with Him in Heaven. Such is the **GRACE** of God toward us believers.

19th of November 2019.

56. Ephesians 2:8 CJB: ⁸ For you have been delivered by **GRACE** through trusting, and even this is not your accomplishment but God's gift.
(**KJV:** ⁸ For by **GRACE** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:)

GRACE is once again shown, in our verse, to be both a deliverer and a gift from God Himself. We see too that we are delivered, not by any action on our part, but simply by trusting that Messiah has done all that is necessary for our salvation. As the Word says in **our verse**, 'For you have been delivered by **GRACE** through trusting,' We are, as **in verse 5**, brought (*back*) to life from death.
20th of November 2019.

57. Ephesians 3:8 CJB: ⁸ To me, the least important of all God's holy people, was given this privilege of announcing to the Gentiles the Good News of the Messiah's unfathomable riches,
(**KJV:** ⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this **GRACE** given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;)

Between the 2 translations above, we see that **GRACE** is a privilege, in this case, to announce the Gentiles, the Good News about the great riches of the Messiah. Wow! This isn't about the huge riches of **GRACE**, as we have seen in previous studies, it is about the privilege (**GRACE**) we each have, to talk about Yeshua and the salvation he offers, to those around us. I must ask myself, do I avail myself of this privilege as I should?
22nd of November 2019.

58. Ephesians 4:7 CJB: ⁷ Each one of us, however, has been given **GRACE** to be measured by the Messiah's bounty.
(**KJV:** ⁷ But unto every one of us is given **GRACE** according to the measure of the gift of Christ.)

This verse would seem to be saying that we each have **GRACE** given us, according to the measure, as gifted to us by Messiah. So, **GRACE** is measurable, another attribute of **GRACE**. This **GRACE** is given to every believer in a quantity determined by Yeshua Himself, which implies that the amount given to each is not necessarily the same, but obviously, according to how we can handle or use it for His glory.
23rd of November 2019.

59. Ephesians 4:29 CJB: ²⁹ Let no harmful language come from your mouth, only good words that are helpful in meeting the need, words that will benefit those who hear them.

*(KJV: ²⁹ Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister **GRACE** unto the hearers.)*

In **today's verse** we see, between the 2 translations, that another attribute of **GRACE** is that of being a benefit. The context here is that, as a part of our Christian lifestyle, we use no harmful or corrupt language when speaking, no foul language unbecoming a Christian. The only words we should use is that which helpful to those in need, giving **GRACE** to those who hear, upholding them.

24th of November 2019.

60. Ephesians 6:24 CJB: ²⁴ **GRACE** be to all who love our Lord Yeshua the Messiah with undying love.

*(KJV: ²⁴ **GRACE** be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.)*

This **GRACE** would seem to be conditional, it is shown in **our verse** today, to those who have an undying love for the Lord Yeshua our Messiah. One must trust that all who profess to be Christian, will qualify for this **GRACE**. In the context of the **last few verses** in **this final Chapter of Ephesians**, **GRACE** is here linked with Shalom, love and trust (*faith*) which is borne out by many other Scriptures, as seen in previous studies here.

25th of November 2019.

61. Philippians 1:2 CJB: ² **GRACE** to you and *shalom* from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

*(KJV: ² **GRACE** be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.)*

In **our verse** today, we have another example of **GRACE** and Shalom being linked together in a greeting. It seems that the word **GRACE** is often used as a greeting in Hebrew, where it conveys the idea of wishing the recipient well. This may, however, be mostly when writing, rather than a face-to-face meeting. In writing **GRACE** to you, Sha'ul here, as in most of his letters, is wishing more than just trusting that all is well with the recipient, it is wishing the **GRACE** of God to be upon the recipient(s).

26th of November 2019.

62. Philippians 1:7 CJB: ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about you all, because I have you on my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and establishing the Good News, you are all sharing with me in this privileged work. (**KJV:** ⁷ *Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my GRACE.*)

In **our verse** today, we see that the word **GRACE** in the KJV, is translated as: “**privileged work**,” in the CJB. It is telling us that **GRACE** enables us to partake in the work of spreading the good news, the Gospel. Here then, we see another aspect of the **GRACE** of God, it is an enabling force or Spirit. Father God, please help me to avail myself of this aspect of your **GRACE**, in Yeshua’s name. Amen. *27th of November 2019.*

63. Colossians 1:2 CJB: ² To: God’s people in Colosse, faithful brothers in the Messiah: **GRACE** to you and *shalom* from God our Father. (**KJV:** ² *To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*)

Once again, in **our verse** today, we see that giving the **GRACE** of God, to the believers receiving this latter, is a form of greeting in the introduction to this and other letters from Sha’ul. We see too that this **GRACE** is coupled again with the wishes for Shalom. **GRACE** is once again bestowing wellbeing from God the Father. As an emissary (*apostle*) of Yeshua, Sha’ul is able to do this with authority. It is interesting to note that the CJB leaves off the greeting also being from our Lord Yeshua the Messiah? *30th of November 2019.*

64. Colossians 3:16 CJB: ¹⁶ let the Word of the Messiah, in all its richness, live in you, as you teach and counsel each other in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude to God in your hearts. (**KJV:** ¹⁶ *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with GRACE in your hearts to the Lord.*)

AHA! A ‘**3:16**’ **verse** is **our verse** today! Whilst off topic, it is a very interesting exercise to look at **all the 3:16s** in the Bible, as I mention – Veeerrryyy interesting what one finds. Back to the study today, where we find that **GRACE** and gratitude go together. In other words, gratitude is an aspect of **GRACE**, which we should make a part of our Christian lifestyle. Gratitude toward not only to those around us who treat us well, but, especially to the Father Himself. Amen. *2nd of December 2019.*

65. Colossians 4:6 CJB: ⁶ let your conversation always be **GRACIOUS** and interesting, so that you will know how to respond to any particular individual. (**KJV:** ⁶ *Let your speech be always with **GRACE**, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.*)

In **our verse** today, it is no surprise to note that, between the 2 translations shown, **GRACE** and **GRACIOUS** are the same thing. In modern ways, perhaps the CJB is somewhat easier to understand. Sha'ul is telling the Colossians how to speak with unbelievers. **GRACIOUS** conversation is never ever condescending, since that would quickly put off people! We must also try to make our conversation interesting, but not going in like “a bull in a china shop,” but gently – **GRACIOUSLY**. *3rd of December 2019.*

66. Colossians 4:18 CJB: ¹⁸ This greeting I, Sha'ul, write with my own hand. Remember my imprisonment! **GRACE** be with you! (**KJV:** ¹⁸ *The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. **GRACE** be with you. Amen.*)

On the face of this, it would seem that **GRACE** is another form of salutation, this time, at the end of a letter. However, as we lift this up to the Father and seeking His meaning of the word **GRACE**, in this context, we realise that wishing “**GRACE** be with you” is far more than simply a word, it is wishing all God's blessings and His presence, upon all the recipients of this letter. *4th of December 2019.*

67. 1 Thessalonians 1:1 CJB: From: Sha'ul, Sila and Timothy To: The Messianic Community of the Thessalonians, united with God the Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah: **GRACE** to you and *shalom*. (**KJV:** *Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: **GRACE** be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*)

Once more, **our verse** is using the word **GRACE** as part of a greeting and it is coupled again with the giving of Shalom. We see then that **GRACE** and Shalom are not the same thing, but different, although often sent together as part of the greeting. So what do we learn about **GRACE** here? It is a gift offered to the believers (*from God*) receiving the letter. *5th of December 2019.*

68. **2 Thessalonians 1:2 CJB:** ² **GRACE** to you and *shalom* from God the Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.
(**KJV:** ² **GRACE** unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.)

Once again, in **our verse** today, there is the pairing of **GRACE** and Shalom. This is, it seems, quite normal, but again shows that they are not the same. This time, however, **GRACE** and Shalom are given to the believers to whom this letter is sent direct, “**from God the Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.**” This is not unusual, since we see a similar way in previous studies. What we do see in this and previous studies, is that this gift of **GRACE** is freely available to the believers in our Lord Yeshua, the Messiah. Thank you Father God.
6th of December 2019.

69. **2 Thessalonians 2:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ And may our Lord Yeshua the Messiah himself and God our Father, who has loved us and by his **GRACE** given us eternal comfort and a good hope,
(**KJV:** ¹⁶ *Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through **GRACE,***)

In **our verse** today, we see that Father God and our Lord Yeshua, the Messiah, by His **GRACE**, has given us comfort and good hope (or *everlasting consolation in the KJV*). Now it is not the **GRACE** that gives us these things, but **GRACE** is like a tunnel or the transport, by which these things come to us. So we see here today that **GRACE** is a means or route by which comfort and strength come to us. Thank you Father God.
7th of December 2019.

70. **1 Timothy 1:2 CJB:** ² To: Timothy, a true son because of your trust: **GRACE**, mercy and *shalom* from God the Father and the Messiah Yeshua our Lord.
(**KJV:** ² *Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: **GRACE**, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

In **our verse** today, **GRACE** (*with mercy and Shalom*) is part of the greeting to Timothy. Sha’ul is merely the channel through whom the **GRACE**, mercy and Shalom is passed to Timothy **from God the Father and the Messiah Yeshua our Lord**. Interestingly, both translations include the mercy of God to Timothy, in the greeting. So today we see that mercy is also associated with **GRACE**.
8th of December 2019.

71. 1 Timothy 1:14 CJB: ¹⁴ Our Lord's **GRACE** overflowed to me with trust and love that come through the Messiah Yeshua.
(**KJV:** ¹⁴ *And the **GRACE** of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.*)

In **our verse** today, we see that **GRACE** is seemingly limitless, we cannot come to the end of **GRACE**. **GRACE** overflows, **GRACE** is exceedingly abundant and here we see that **GRACE** comes with trust and love from our Messiah Yeshua to each of us as believers. *9th of December 2019.*

72. 2 Timothy 1:9 CJB: ⁹ since he delivered us and called us to a life of holiness as his people. It was not because of our deeds, but because of his own purpose and the **GRACE** which he gave to us who are united with the Messiah Yeshua. He did this before the beginning of time,
(**KJV:** ⁹ *Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and **GRACE**, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*)

It seems, in **our verse** today, that the **GRACE** of God the Father, is only given to those of "**us who are united with the Messiah Yeshua.**" Hence, to obtain that **GRACE** of the Father God, we **MUST** be believers in and have accepted the offer of salvation through the death and resurrection of the Messiah Yeshua. We know that the salvation is freely offered, and that we have free will to accept or reject it. If we reject that salvation, then we can never have that **GRACE** from the Father. *10th of December 2019.*

73. 2 Timothy 2:1 CJB: So then, you, my son, be empowered by the **GRACE** that comes from the Messiah Yeshua.
(**KJV:** *Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the **GRACE** that is in Christ Jesus.*)

We see here in **our verse** today, that the **GRACE** from Messiah Yeshua, empowers the believers, in this case Timothy. This **GRACE** empowers believers to do, to say in places we would never have believed possible. This **GRACE** enables us to speak about Jesus to people in a way we would not have believed possible in our own strength and capabilities! If we only take the bull by the horns, so to speak, and just start talking about the salvation, peace of mind, free will etc. that we have been given. Once we start a conversation, it will flow by the power of the **GRACE** of God. It will amaze you. There will be those, probably many, who will shut down such conversation when we try, because they don't want to hear, but do not be discouraged by such things. *11th of December 2019.*

74. 2 Timothy 4:22 CJB: ²² The Lord be with your spirit. **GRACE** be with you.
(**KJV:** ²² *The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. GRACE be with you. Amen.*)

An ending of a letter re-affirms Sha'ul's desire to give to Timothy the **GRACE** of the Lord in **our verse** today. This adds to the **GRACE** given at the beginning of the letter, but here at the end, Sha'ul also wishes for the Lord to be with Timothy's spirit. This is the wish that through the **GRACE** of God, that Timothy would know the presence of the Holy Spirit to be with him.

12th of December 2019.

75. 1 Timothy 6:21 CJB: ²¹ For many who promise this "knowledge" have missed the mark, as far as the faith is concerned. **GRACE** be with you.
(**KJV:** ²¹ *Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. GRACE be with thee. Amen.*)

Once again, in **our verse** today, we have the giving of **GRACE** used to finish or complete a letter. Here today, this is a simple statement: "**GRACE be with you.**" These **2 final verses** in this letter are a warning about false teaching, about so called "knowledge." One such teaching I experienced many years ago, is that *'we are in the Millennium now and have to take the world for Jesus, AND the Jews are totally irrelevant!!!'* By this **GRACE** of God, I was able to recognise the error at the time after a few weeks, 'cos they never actually SAID those words as such, simply because I had at that time, some small knowledge of the Scriptures. We left! Thank you Father, that in Your **GRACE**, I have a little more today, than in those days. So what of **GRACE** here? From my personal experience, the **GRACE** of God allowed me to recognise that error.

13th of December 2019.

76. Titus 1:4 CJB: ⁴ To: Titus, a true son in the faith we share: **GRACE** and *shalom* from God the Father and from the Messiah Yeshua, our Deliverer.
(**KJV:** ⁴ *To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: GRACE, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.*)

Once again, in **our verse** today, we see **GRACE** and Shalom given together. This time, however, it is given from both Father God and from Messiah Yeshua. Is there any difference in either **GRACE** or Shalom in **our verse**? No, it is the same. Only that it is my birthday today and I am being taken out for a meal by my eldest and his girlfriend. Nothing different, as far as I can hear from the Lord, so onward and upwards!.

14th of December 2019.

77. Titus 3:7 CJB: ⁷ He did it so that by his **GRACE** we might come to be considered righteous by God and become heirs, with the certain hope of eternal life.

*(KJV: ⁷ That being justified by his **GRACE**, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.)*

In **our verse** today, we see that by the **GRACE** of God, poured out upon us as repentant believers, we become considered as righteous by God the Father. Wow! How great is this! As repentant sinners, when the **GRACE** of God is given to us, God Himself considers us as righteous in His eyes, This assumes, of course, that we continue to walk in His ways only. *15th of December 2019.*

78. Titus 3:15 CJB: ¹⁵ All who are with me send you greetings. Give our greetings to our friends in the faith. **GRACE** be with you all.

*(KJV: ¹⁵ All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. **GRACE** be with you all. Amen.)*

Once again, in **our verse** today, **GRACE** is being used to end a letter, this time to Titus. What I feel the Lord is telling me today, is that **GRACE** is a presence, one can know that **GRACE** is there with one. It is not just a feeling, it is not a supposition, it is an invisible consciousness that one is not alone, someone or something is there with one, we are not alone when the **GRACE** of God is with us. Hallelujah!
16th of December 2019.

79. Philemon 3 CJB: ³ **GRACE** and *shalom* to you from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

*(KJV: ³ **GRACE** to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.)*

Once again, in **our verse** today, **GRACE** is used as a greeting and also coupled with Shalom. One may note that in the KJV, peace is added as a sort of afterthought, whilst in the CJB, Shalom is almost a part of **GRACE**. We have seen previously in these studies on the word **GRACE** that the Shalom comes almost as a part of the **GRACE**, which here comes from God the Father and our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.
17th of December 2019.

80. **Hebrews 4:16 CJB:** ¹⁶ Therefore, let us confidently approach the throne from which God gives **GRACE**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need.

*(KJV: ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of **GRACE**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.)*

Our verse starts with the word ‘**Therefore,**’ hence, to understand **our verse**, we must look at the **preceding verse(s)**. We see that God, Yeshua, is able to empathise with us which allows us, as believers to confidently approach His throne, from which He gives **GRACE**. In approaching His throne, “**WE may receive mercy and find GRACE in our time of need.**” What do we learn of **GRACE** in **this verse**? Firstly, that **GRACE** comes from the throne of God and, secondly, that we may find that **GRACE**, particularly in our time of need. So, **GRACE** is something which comes from God, and it may be found by us believers.

26th of February 2020.

(The time gap is due to my being away for Christmas and New Year, as usual. The day after returning I developed a Chest Infection, from which I have now recovered my strength and determination to resume these studies. Thank you Father God, that I am restored now.)

81. **Hebrews 10:29: CJB:** ²⁹ Think how much worse will be the punishment deserved by someone who has trampled underfoot the Son of God; who has treated as something common the **blood of the covenant^[h]** which made him holy; and who has insulted the Spirit, giver of God’s **GRACE!**

*(KJV: ²⁹ Think how much worse will be the punishment deserved by someone who has trampled underfoot the Son of God; who has treated as something common the **blood of the covenant^[h]** which made him holy; and who has insulted the Spirit, giver of God’s **GRACE!**)*

^h **Exodus 24:8**

In this short paragraph, **verses 28 and 29**, we are told that the giver of God’s **GRACE** is the Holy Spirit, but there is a warning of punishment to those **who has trampled underfoot the Son of God; who has treated as something common the blood of the covenant^[h] which made him holy; and who has insulted the Spirit, giver of God’s GRACE!** Wow! So what do we learn of the **GRACE** of God here? That **GRACE** is not something to be taken lightly, any more than the Communion wine, which represents that blood. **GRACE** is something very Holy, to be treated with the greatest respect.

27th of February 2020.

82. Hebrews 12:28 CJB: ²⁸ Therefore, since we have received an unshakeable Kingdom, let us have **GRACE**, through which we may offer service that will please God, with reverence and fear.
*(KJV: ²⁸ Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have **GRACE**, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear)*

Now in **our verse today**, we are advised, **let us have GRACE**. So what is this **GRACE** and from where do we get it? This **GRACE** is once more from ADONAI, since He is the one giving the advice, as we see in **verse 25** that He is the one speaking. We receive **GRACE** from the Heavenly Father and here we are advised operate in that **GRACE**, as we offer service that will please God in this unshakeable Kingdom in which we will find ourselves. Help us Lord Jesus to have this **GRACE** in our daily lives. *28th of February 2020.*

83. Hebrews 13:9 CJB: ⁹ Do not be carried away by various strange teachings; for what is good is for the heart to be strengthened by **GRACE**, not by foods. People who have made these the focus of their lives have not benefited thereby.
*(KJV: ⁹ Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with **GRACE**; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.)*

In **our verse** today, **GRACE** can strengthen the heart, the heart can be established with **GRACE**, in the KJV, not by food (*meats in the KJV*). So **GRACE** strengthens or establishes the heart. The **GRACE** of God then, increases our determination, to find, and to do the will of God in our lives. If, like the writer, one feels that there is a lack of that determination in our lives, then that is a signal to pray to the giver of that **GRACE**, for His help, to obtain that level of **GRACE**. Amen. *29th of February 2020.*

84. Hebrews 13:25 CJB: ²⁵ **GRACE** be with you all.
*(KJV: ²⁵ **GRACE** be with you all. Amen.)*

From the context of **our verse** today, it could be written, “peace be with you all.” However, it isn’t! So what do we learn of **GRACE** here? For one aspect, it is big enough for everyone to be given that **GRACE**, there is no obvious limit to the **GRACE** of God, it goes on forever and ever. It has a limitless supply. Hence we see here too, as an aspect of our God, that He has no limit, whatever we may learn of Him, there is still so much more to learn, that we are always learning more and more about Him. Hallelujah! *1st of March 2020.*

85. James 1:11 CJB: ¹¹ For just as the sun rises with the *sharav* and dries up the plant, so that its flower falls off and its beauty is destroyed, so too the rich person going about his business will wither away.

(KJV: ¹¹ For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the GRACE of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.)

Between these 2 translations of **our verse**, we see 2 things. Firstly, that the Hebrew word for the burning heat of the sun is “*Sharav*,” then secondly, another aspect of **GRACE** is “Beauty.” In normal English, one might say, doesn’t he/she move with such **GRACE**, meaning that the movement is good to watch, or, developing further, moving with such beauty. So here we see that **GRACE** has a beautifulness, or beautiful form. Thank you Lord for that revelation. *2nd of March 2020.*

86. James 4:6 CJB: ⁶ But the **GRACE** he gives is greater, which is why it says, “**God opposes the arrogant, but to the humble he gives GRACE.**”^[a]
(KJV: ⁶ But he giveth more GRACE. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth GRACE unto the humble.)

^a Proverbs 3:34

Today, in **our verse**, we see that the opposite of **GRACE** is pride or arrogance. We see too that God opposes or resists them. In order to be eligible to receive **GRACE** from the Lord, we need to be humble. This is not humility as in the Dickens character, “*I’m ever so ‘umble*,” which is not humility at all, but pride. We must always live in the knowledge of the greatness of our Lord God, that we can never reach the limit(s) of the greatness of our God, nor the limit of His **GRACE!** *4th of March 2020.*

87. **1 Peter 1:2 CJB:** ² chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father and set apart by the Spirit for obeying Yeshua the Messiah and for sprinkling with his blood: **GRACE** and *shalom* be yours in full measure. (**KJV:** ² *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: **GRACE** unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*)

This letter, the first from Peter, is written, quite clearly to the believing Jews of the Diaspora. This means that whenever studying this letter, one must remember to whom it is written. In **our verse** today, we see that the letter is written to those **chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father and set apart by the Spirit for obeying Yeshua the Messiah and for sprinkling with his blood:** and to them, Peter is saying: **GRACE and shalom be yours in full measure.** In other words, no matter where they are, they should, since he is writing to believing Jews all over the known world, receive that **GRACE** and Shalom. In other words, it is not possible to be too far away to receive the **GRACE** and Shalom of God the Father. Hallelujah! *5th of March 2020.*

88. **1 Peter 1:10 CJB:** ¹⁰ The prophets, who prophesied about this gift of deliverance that was meant for you, pondered and inquired diligently about it. (**KJV:** ¹⁰ *Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the **GRACE** that should come unto you:)*

There is very much difference between these 2 translations! It seems that **GRACE** in the KJV is rendered “**this gift of deliverance**” in the CJB. I have checked several other translation, including the ASB, NASB, Young’s and several others in Bible Gateway, about a dozen in total and the only one that is not using the word **GRACE**, as the CJB doesn’t, is the OJB (*Orthodox Jewish Bible*) which shows: “**Chen v’Chesed Hashem**” (*which is also used in 1 Corinthians 15:10 in the OJB*). This translates to “*unmerited Favour and Kindness,*” which is another way I’ve heard, of describing the gift of **GRACE**. So here we see another definition of the word **GRACE** from the original Hebrew. Hallelujah! Amen.

Friday the 6th of March 2020.

89. 1 Peter 1:13 CJB: ¹³ Therefore, get your minds ready for work, keep yourselves under control, and fix your hopes fully on the gift you will receive when Yeshua the Messiah is revealed.

*(KJV: ¹³ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the **GRACE** that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;)*

*(OJB: ¹³ Therefore, tighten the "readiness" gartel of your mind, a mind that is one of kibush hayetzer (self-control). Set your tikvah completely on the **Chen v'Chesed Hashem** that is being brought to you at the Hisgalus (Revelation, Apocalypse) of Moshiach Yehoshua.)*

I thought to add the Orthodox Jewish Bible too, as it shows that the word translated **GRACE** in most translation of the Bible is again this phrase, **Chen v'Chesed Hashem** in the OJB. Interesting that the word tikvah (*hope*) comes up, as I'm sure everyone knows this is the name of the Isra'eli National Anthem, Ha'Tikvah (*The Hope*). So, we learn the same about **GRACE** in our verse(s) today as in yesterday's study: **unmerited favour and kindness**. The next three studies are also in **1 Peter**, so we'll see if the same situation pertains.

Saturday the 7th of March 2020.

90. 1 Peter 3:7 CJB: ⁷ You husbands, likewise, conduct your married lives with understanding. Although your wife may be weaker physically, you should respect her as a fellow-heir of the gift of Life. If you don't, your prayers will be blocked.

*(KJV: ⁷ Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the **GRACE** of life; that your prayers be not hindered.)*

In our verse today, what is translated **GRACE** in most other versions of the Bible, is named "*the gift of life*" in the CJB. It certainly shows another, not common, meaning of **GRACE** in the Scriptures. The KJV adds to the word **GRACE**, the "**GRACE of life**." This certainly seems to reinforce the gift or **GRACE** of life. Thank you Lord for yet another aspect of the **GRACE** you give to us.

Sunday the 8th of March 2020.

91. **Peter 5:5 CJB:** ⁵ Likewise, you who are less experienced, submit to leaders. Further, all of you should clothe yourselves in humility toward one another, because **God opposes the arrogant, but to the humble he gives GRACE.**^[a]

(KJV: ⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth GRACE to the humble.)

a Proverbs 3:34

Today, at least our two translations use the same word, **GRACE**, in **our verse** today. What do we see of **GRACE** today then? We see that we need a qualification, in order to receive that **GRACE** from God, that is, we must not be in any way proud, but humble. We cannot receive that **GRACE** of God if He perceives in us, any form of pride! Help me Lord, Amen. *9th of March 2020.*

92. **1 Peter 5:10 CJB:** ¹⁰ You will have to suffer only a little while; after that, God, who is full of **GRACE**, the one who called you to his eternal glory in union with the Messiah, will himself restore, establish and strengthen you and make you firm.

(KJV: ¹⁰ But the God of all GRACE, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, 'stablish, strengthen, settle you.)

In **our verse** today, we see that God is full of **GRACE**. This means that, if it is God who is full of **GRACE**, then that **GRACE**, like God Himself, has no limit! Thus, as we cannot have all of God, so we cannot have all of His **GRACE**, simply because there is always more to God and to His **GRACE**! Simple, to use a worldly word. Hallelujah! *10th of March 2020.*

93. **2 Peter 1:2 CJB:** ² May **GRACE** and *shalom* be yours in full measure, as you come to a full knowledge of God and Yeshua our Lord.

(KJV: ² GRACE and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.)

In **our verse** today, **GRACE** and Shalom (*peace*) are coupled together. Peter is saying that, as we come to a greater knowledge of God and of our Lord Yeshua, then that **GRACE** and Shalom will be multiplied within us, or be ours in full measure. In effect, the more we read the Bible, the better we will know God and Yeshua HaMashiach, the more **GRACE** and Shalom we shall have.

11th of March 2020.

94. 2 Peter 3:18 CJB: ¹⁸ And keep growing in **GRACE** and knowledge of our Lord and Deliverer, Yeshua the Messiah. To him be the glory, both now and forever! *Amen.*

*(KJV: ¹⁸ But grow in **GRACE**, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.)*

In **our verse** today, this benediction, Peter is urging the recipients of the letter to “**keep growing in GRACE and knowledge of our Lord and Deliverer, Yeshua the Messiah.**” We learn here, that we can (& *should*) grow in **GRACE** and knowledge. We do this by keeping close to the Lord Yeshua and His word, the Scriptures old and new. This does NOT mean sleeping with the Bible under your pillow, but to constantly read the Bible, Old Testament as well as the New. Only by reading His word, can we get to know Yeshua HaMashiach, plus the occasional word direct from Him, although even this is usually a reflection of Scripture in some way or other!

12th of March 2020.

95. Jude 4 CJB: ⁴ For certain individuals, the ones written about long ago as being meant for this condemnation, have wormed their way in, ungodly people who pervert God’s **GRACE** into a license for debauchery and disown our only Master and Lord, Yeshua the Messiah.

*(KJV: ⁴ For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the **GRACE** of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.)*

It would seem that Y’hudah’s (*Jude’s*) letter is to believers as a warning to beware of the deceivers who had wormed their way into the Church! WOW!!! Doesn’t this sound like some of the Church today? Leaders who practice and advocate homosexuality and same sex marriage, who do not preach Christ as the **ONLY** way to the Father and Heaven? They have perverted the **GRACE** of God into all things wrong in God’s sight. The **GRACE**, which is all things good and honest and of good report, has been perverted. We must remain in God’s **GRACE** and shun all these other things, keeping away from such people.

13th of March 2020.

96. Revelation 1:4 CJB: ⁴ From: Yochanan. To: The seven Messianic communities in the province of Asia: **GRACE** and *shalom* to you from the One who is, who was and who is coming; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; *(KJV: ⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia: **GRACE** be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;)*

In **our verse** today, we see once more **GRACE** and peace (*Shalom*) coupled together and given to the readers of this Revelation from Yeshua Himself. **GRACE** then, is something to be given by the Godhead Himself to those who are born again believers in Yeshua, as Lord and Saviour, and are slaves to Him, followers of Him, specifically here, to the seven Churches in “**the province of Asia.**”

14th of March 2020.

GRACE of God

97. **Luke 2:40 CJB:** ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong and filled with wisdom — God's favour was upon him.
(**KJV:** ⁴⁰ *And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the GRACE of God was upon him.*)

We see in **our verse** today, that whilst most translations use the word **GRACE**, the CJB translates this as 'favour.' Thus, in **our verse**, we have that **God's GRACE** or God's **favour** was upon the child, hence an equating of **GRACE** and **favour**. Today, the term '**GRACE** and favour' is used to denote a home given to Prime Ministers and other ministers. Now you know from whence comes that term.
Sunday the 15th of March 2020.

98. **Acts 11:23 CJB:** ²³ On arriving and seeing for himself **the GRACE of God** at work, he was glad; and he encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with their whole hearts;
(**KJV:** ²³ *Who, when he came, and had seen the GRACE of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.*)

In **our verse** today, we see that '**the GRACE of God**' works. In the **chapter** today (*please read it all*) that **the GRACE of God** had been at work in the lives of the Roman Centurion and household, and in the lives of Gentiles in Antioch. This was a surprise, even a shock, to the Leaders of the Messianic movement! They had thought, previously, that this salvation was only for the Jews. Today we see **the GRACE of God** working all around the world, bringing people of all races into the Kingdom.
16th of March 2020.

99. **Acts 13:43 CJB:** ⁴³ When the synagogue meeting broke up, many of the born Jews and devout proselytes followed Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba, who spoke with them and urged them to keep holding fast to the love and kindness of God.
(**KJV:** ⁴³ *Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the GRACE of God.*)

Read **the complete chapter** to gain the 'feel' of the whole situation. In **our verse** today, we see that those born Jews and the devout proselytes heard Sha'ul's preaching and became desperate to know more about Yeshua (*and salvation*) so they followed Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba out of the Synagogue to hear more. Here in **our verse**, we see that the word **GRACE**, in most versions, is translated in the CJB, as '**the love and kindness of God**.' Thus, we have another way of looking at the meaning of **the GRACE of God**. Hallelujah! Amen. *17th of March 2020.*

100. Acts 14:26 CJB: ²⁶ the place where they had been handed over to the care of God for the work which they had now completed.

*(KJV: ²⁶ And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to **the GRACE of God** for the work which they fulfilled.)*

In **our verse** today, Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba had returned to Antioch, from whence they had been sent out to Asia Minor, Turkey, where they had much success in proclaiming the Word of God AND much persecution! We see, between the two translations, that there is a parallel between **the GRACE of God** and **the care of God**. It can be seen then that **the GRACE of God** also means that this **GRACE** has an aspect of care from God. Sha'ul had been stoned to death in Lystra by those who were persecuting them, or so they thought. Today, in the UK, there is a growing persecution of believers, as Sha'ul met, where-ever he preached the good news. Presently, this does not result in such violence, but that time is 'on the horizon' and we believers must be prepared for that persecution to come.

18th of March 2020.

101. Acts 15:40 CJB: ⁴⁰ However, Sha'ul chose Sila and left, after the brothers had committed him to **the love and kindness of the Lord**.

*(KJV: ⁴⁰ And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto **the GRACE of God**.)*

It will take some time, but it is better to read the **whole chapter** here, in order to ascertain the whole situation. After a sharp disagreement over Mark, the brothers split and went separate ways. In **our verse** today, the KJV has a strange way of putting it, but the CJB is clear, that Sha'ul and Sila were committed to '**the love and kindness of the Lord**,' which makes clear the meaning of **the GRACE of God** - the **love and kindness of the Lord**. In the OJB, it uses the same phrase, in Hebrew, every time **the Chen v'Chesed Hashem** which, translated, is roughly: 'unmerited favour and kindness of God.' However, as seen in these studies, there are various ways to translate **the GRACE of God**.

19th of March 2020.

102. Acts 20:24 CJB: ²⁴ But I consider my own life of no importance to me whatsoever, as long as I can finish the course ahead of me, the task I received from the Lord Yeshua, to declare in depth the Good News of **God's love and kindness**.

*(KJV: ²⁴ But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of **THE GRACE OF GOD**.)*

Sha'ul had been declaring to all where-ever he went, the Good News (*Gospel*) of **the GRACE of God**. This is also incumbent on each of us as born again believers. This does not mean that we have to stand on street corners, proclaiming loudly **the GRACE of God** as a preacher, for we are not all preachers! But we are to talk among friends and acquaintances of this free gift from God, of **the GRACE of God**. This is salvation, from the result of our sinful lives, - making our destination the lake of fire for all eternity.

20th of March 2020.

103. Romans 5:15 CJB: ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the offence. For if, because of one man's offence, many died, then how much more has **God's GRACE**, that is, the **GRACIOUS** gift of one man, Yeshua the Messiah, overflowed to many!

*(KJV: ¹⁵ But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more **the GRACE of God**, and the gift by **GRACE**, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.)*

In **our verse** today, we see that this **GRACE of God** overflows, or abounded, to many, it does not say to all! This means that the free gift, of **the GRACE of God**, is offered to all, but not all accept the gift of **the GRACE of God**, which is effectively the gift of salvation. Whilst this gift is offered to all, not many will accept it!

21st of March 2020.

104. 1 Corinthians 1:4 CJB: ⁴ I thank my God always for you because of God's love and kindness given to you through the Messiah Yeshua,

*(KJV: ⁴ I thank my God always on your behalf, for **the GRACE of God** which is given to you by Jesus Christ;)*

The GRACE of God given is not only a cause of thankfulness to those who receive it, but, as in **our verse** today, it causes others to give thanks to God too. I am sure that when we are led to the Lord and His salvation, to receive that **GRACE of God**, by someone, then this gives a spirit of thanksgiving to that someone. Hallelujah for **the GRACE of God**! All glory and honour and praises belong to our God!

22nd of March 2020.

105. 1 Corinthians 3:10 CJB: ¹⁰ Using the **GRACE** God gave me, I laid a foundation, like a skilled master-builder; and another man is building on it. But let each one be careful how he builds.

*(KJV: ¹⁰ According to **the GRACE of God** which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.)*

As Sha'ul was writing to the Corinthians, he was acknowledging that he had received **the GRACE of God**, which had turned him into a 'master builder.' He related to them, that he had laid the foundations of their trust, or faith, in Yeshua, for their salvation. Yet reading this **whole chapter**, we see that he is admonishing them because they had not grown in their faith, or trust, in the Messiah. They were involved in petty jealousy and quarrelling! What Sha'ul is saying in **our verse** today, is that their having been given **the GRACE of God**, they were not building on that trust, or faith, that **the GRACE of God** had bestowed upon each of them, they were still only able to cope with milk, not real, solid food! We see here that we must use **the GRACE of God** to learn more and more about the word of God **and its application** in their (and our) lives.

23rd of March 2020.

106. 1 Corinthians 15:10 CJB: ¹⁰ But by God's **GRACE** I am what I am, and his **GRACE** towards me was not in vain; on the contrary, I have worked harder than all of them, although it was not I but **the GRACE of God** with me.

*(KJV: ¹⁰ But by **the GRACE of God** I am what I am: and his **GRACE** which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but **the GRACE of God** which was with me.)*

It is the **GRACE of God** that manifests the presence of the Spirit being with us, by which we know that God is with us, no matter what is happening in our lives. This **GRACE of God** is what, or who, forms our character after we become believers. As Sha'ul said at the beginning of **our verse** today: "**by God's GRACE I am what I am,**" also he says about working harder than all: "**it was not I but the GRACE of God with me.**" As the writer, I am finding it difficult to differentiate here, between the work of the Holy Spirit and that of **the GRACE of God**. May the Lord be **GRACIOUS** to each of us, to know more of our great God. I heard someone say recently, that one of the names of God could be "more," since the more we know Him, we find there is always more to learn about Him!

24th of March 2020.

107. 2 Corinthians 1:12 CJB: ¹² For we take pride in this: that our conscience assures us that in our dealings with the world, and especially with you, we have conducted ourselves with frankness and godly pureness of motive, not by worldly wisdom, but **by God-given GRACE.**

*(KJV: ¹² For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by **the GRACE of God**, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.)*

Reading this **whole chapter** 3 times, twice in the CJB and once in the KJV, it was a struggle to see what God was saying about **the GRACE of God**. Sha'ul is saying that, in his dealings with both the world and with the Corinthian believers, he did not use worldly wisdom, **but the GRACE of God**. Hence, the message to us, is that we should not use worldly wisdom in our lives, but that we should only be enlightened by **the GRACE of God** in all that we say or do, in every situation. *25th of March 2020.*

108. 2 Corinthians 6:1 CJB: ¹ As God's fellow-workers we also urge you not to receive **His GRACE** and then do nothing with it.

*(KJV: ¹ We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not **the GRACE of God** in vain.)*

It is quite clear in **our verse** today, that we receive **the GRACE of God** for a purpose, not for that **GRACE** to be received as: "Oh yes, thank You very much, goodbye," sort of attitude. The gift of **the GRACE of God** is for us to use, to help us do the will of God in our lives. This, of course, begs the question, what is the will of God for each of us! That, unfortunately, is not the subject of this study. What we see here, is that **the GRACE of God** is the strength, the power, the energy, the resolve, to carry out the work that God has given each of us. HALLELUJAH! AMEN. *26th of March 2020.*

109. 2 Corinthians 8:1 CJB: ¹ Now, brothers, we must tell you about **the GRACE** God has given the congregations in Macedonia.

*(KJV: ¹ Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of **the GRACE of God** bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;)*

This letter was, obviously, to the Corinthian Church, telling them of the generosity of the Macedonian Church (*to the poverty in the Jerusalem Church*) which was done by them in **the GRACE of God**. This letter continues, to encourage the Corinthian Church to similarly exercise that same **GRACE of God** in helping the Jerusalem Church. As we see in **verse 10**, it would seem that the Corinthian Church had previously given. **The GRACE of God** has changed the character of the believers, to make them have the desire to help other brethren. Thus obeying the command of our Lord, to love one another. *27th of March 2020.*

110. 2 Corinthians 9:14 CJB: ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you they will feel a strong affection for you because of how **GRACIOUS God** has been to you. (***KJV:** ¹⁴ And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding **GRACE of God** in you.*)

Exercising **the GRACE of God**, in this context, the giving of financial support to others, in this context (*again*) to the poor in Jerusalem. Exercising this **GRACE of God**, will engender a strong affection, or love, for those doing that exercising, by the recipients of it. The context of this giving, as made clear, must not be as a result of compulsion but out of a willing heart. Listening to Premier Christian Radio these mornings, in between each song or speaking, there is an appeal for money, which seems to go on for weeks! That would seem to be near compulsion!
28th of March 2020.

111. Galatians 2:21 CJB: ²¹ I do not reject **God's GRACIOUS** gift; for if the way in which one attains righteousness is through legalism, then the Messiah's death was pointless. (***KJV:** ²¹ I do not frustrate **the GRACE of God:** for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*)

What dreadful arrogance it is, to reject **God's GRACIOUS** gift, as if by our own ways, or following legalism, we can attain righteousness in God's eyes, and thus salvation! The Jews had thought that by obeying all the 613 commandments (*which they found to be impossible*) they could obtain eternal life. The **GRACE of God** is a gift to be accepted by trusting in the Lord Yeshua. The old song sums it up: "*Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy (or saved) in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*" Note that it says "trust AND obey," trusting alone is only part of the acceptance of this **GRACE of God** and entrance into eternal life through the sacrifice of Yeshua Ha'Mashiach. Thank you Lord.
29th of March 2020.

112. Ephesians 3:2 CJB: ² I assume that you have heard of the work **God in his GRACE** has given me to do for your benefit, (***KJV:** ² If ye have heard of the dispensation of **the GRACE of God** which is given me to you-ward:*)

I would suggest that one reads **chapter 2:19 to chapter 3:13** in order to appreciate the entire context of **our verse** today. So what is this work that God had given to Sha'ul, of which the Ephesians would have heard? It was the spreading of the Gospel around the then known world, which, for Sha'ul, had resulted in his imprisonment at that time of writing. To enable Sha'ul to do this work, he relates here, how he was given **the GRACE of God** for this purpose. We see then, that **the GRACE of God** is an enabler for this work, even empowering Sha'ul to continue this work whilst in prison. *31st of March 2020.*

113. Ephesians 3:7 CJB: ⁷I became a servant of this Good News **by God's GRACIOUS gift**, which he gave me through the operation of his power. (*KJV: ⁷ Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of **the GRACE of God** given unto me by the effectual working of his power.*)

We learn in **our verse** today, **the GRACE of God** doesn't just appear, that it is given through the operation of God's power. **The GRACE of God** uses this power to effect 'happenings' in our lives. **The GRACE of God** uses God's power to make each of us servants of the Good News, as we see in **our verse** today, it did to Sha'ul. As believers, it behoves each one of us to become servants of God, at which point, we shall be given the power of **the GRACE of God**, to do the Will of God, as set before each of us. *1st of April 2020.*

114. Colossians 1:6 CJB: ⁶ has made its presence felt among you, just as it is also **being fruitful and multiplying**^[a] throughout the world in the same way as it has among you since the day you heard and understood **the GRACE of God** as it really is. (*KJV: ⁶ Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew **the GRACE of God** in truth:*)

[a] Genesis 1:28

In the CJB, The Colossians **understood the GRACE of God** and in the KJV **knew the GRACE of God**, as it really is in the CJB and **in truth** in the KJV. In either translation, we see in **our verse** today, that we can understand and know **the GRACE of God**. So what do we learn about **the GRACE of God** in **our verse** today in the context of this letter? The answer is in the foregoing, that we can get to know and understand this **GRACE of God**, not withstanding that Knowing and understanding are not the same. *2nd of April 2020.*

115. 2 Thessalonians 1:12 CJB: ¹² In this way, the name of our Lord Yeshua will be glorified in you, and you in him, in accordance with **the GRACE of our God** and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah. (*KJV: ¹² That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to **the GRACE of our God** and the Lord Jesus Christ.*)

It is by **the GRACE of our God** that we are able to glorify the Lord Yeshua and He be glorified in each of us. In **the previous verse**, Sha'ul is saying, that he always prays for the Thessalonians (*as the Lord, in Heaven, does for each of us in His position of Cohen Gadol*) that God may make them worthy of His calling. Lord, may I be worthy of that calling, by **the Grace of God**, to know Your Will for me, and to do that Will, as you plan for me. *3rd of April 2020.*

116. Titus 2:11 CJB: ¹¹ For **God's GRACE**, which brings deliverance, has appeared to all people.

*(KJV: ¹² That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to **the GRACE of our God** and the Lord Jesus Christ.)*

The GRACE of God does a number of things: in **our verse** itself, it brings deliverance; also in **our verse**, **the GRACE of God** has appeared to all people, which is another subject. In the **next verse**, **the GRACE of God** teaches us to renounce all worldly things and godlessness; further **in that verse**, **the GRACE of God** continues to teach us to live self-controlled, upright and Godly lives; and so the passage goes on. There is much exhortation in these **few verses**, about how true believers should live. *4th of April 2020.*

117. Hebrews 2:9 CJB: ⁹ But we do see Yeshua, who indeed **was made** for a little while **lower than the angels**, now **crowned with glory and honour** because He suffered death, so that by **God's GRACE** he might taste death for all humanity.

*(KJV: ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by **the GRACE of God** should taste death for every man.)*

Our Lord Yeshua, having been made a little lower than the Angels, yet, since He suffered death (*for our sins*) He was crowned with glory and honour! All this was done by **the GRACE of God**! It is difficult for us today, to fathom how this could be done by a God of love, mercy and compassion. We can only begin, or just scratch the surface, of our Saviour God's methods and ways of working out things. The ways and methods of **His GRACE** are way beyond our comprehension! **What a God we have**, who, having died the most awful death, saves us when we have committed, and continue to commit, the most awful sins against Him, effectively spitting in His face. *5th of April 2020.*

118. Hebrews 12:15 CJB: ¹⁵ See to it that no one misses out on **God's GRACE**, that no **root of bitterness**^[1] springing up causes trouble and thus contaminates many,

*(KJV: ¹⁵ Looking diligently lest any man fail of **the GRACE of God**; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;)*

(f) Deuteronomy 29:17

CJB: To miss out on **God's GRACE**. KJV: *lest any man fail of **the GRACE of God?*** In the OJB, that says "no one fall short of the **Chen v'Chesed Hashem**" (**GRACE of God**). To do that surely means to miss out on salvation? If one leaves one's salvation, then **our verse** today tells us that leaves one at risk having a "root of bitterness springing up" which may cause trouble and defilement. *6th of April 2020.*

119. 1 Peter 4:10 CJB: ¹⁰ As each one has received some spiritual gift, he should use it to serve others, like good managers of God's many-sided **GRACE** (**KJV:** ¹⁰ *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold **GRACE of God.***)

There are many who believe that the gifts of the Spirit are NOT for today, only for the early days, to get the Church started. This is falsehood, as we see in **our verse** today. We each have a gift (*or, in many cases, gifts*) of the Ruach HaKodesh, to give each of us true believers, the ability to serve others as illustrated in **the next verse**. All this is by God's "many sided **GRACE**" or as in the KJV, "the manifold **GRACE of God.**" As it says elsewhere, not all can work miracles etc. every true believer does have one or more gifts of the Ruach Hakodesh. *7th of April 2020.*

120. 1 Peter 5:12 CJB: ¹² Through Sila, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and giving my witness that **this is God's true GRACE**. Stand firm in it! (**KJV:** ¹² *By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true **GRACE of God** wherein ye stand.*)

In **our verse** today, we see that **the GRACE of God** gives us the ability to stand. Now this is not standing as in not walking. It is the ability to stand firm in our faith, our trust, our belief in Yeshua HaMashiach, and His ability to save us from the temptations and persecutions of this world. We stand in **the GRACE of God** to do, or not do, these things, to be seen as righteous in the eyes of God. Thank you Father God, that you love us so much, that you give us that **GRACE of God** helping us to stand firm! Chag Sameach Pesach to you all for this evening. *Wednesday the 8th of April 2020.*

GRACE of our Lord Jesus

121. **Acts 15:11 CJB** ¹¹ No, it is through the love and kindness of the Lord Yeshua that we trust and are delivered, and it's the same with them.”

*(KJV: ¹¹ But we believe that through **the GRACE of the LORD Jesus Christ** we shall be saved, even as they.)*

In **our verse** today, **the Chapter** is all about the discussions on the subject of “should Gentile believers be circumcised?” The answer was, very simply, no. It is solely through **the GRACE of God** that we, as Jews or Gentiles, come to salvation by trust in Yeshua as Lord and Mashiach. Today is Pesach, finishing at nightfall, which is a festival that the Catholic Church decided to do away with and institute the Pagan festival of Easter which starts tomorrow. It is the same with Christmas, another purely Pagan festival. Sorry, we wander off course! The point being, that nowhere is it stated in the Bible that Gentiles were to do anything but as listed in **verse 20**. There is a fallacy, that we are not under Law, but under **GRACE**, but careful reading of the Gospels reveals that Yeshua re-iterated 9 of the 10 commandments! Also, as Yeshua followed all the Torah festivals too, as should we.

9th of April 2020.

122. Romans 16:20 CJB: ²⁰ And God, the source of *shalom*, will soon crush the Adversary under your feet. **The GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** be with you. *(KJV: ²⁰ And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. **The GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ** be with you. Amen.)*

In the middle of greeting to loads of people, Sha'ul , in **verses 17 to our verse today**, brings out a warning of the deceivers, who try to trap the innocent. They “slightly adjust” the Scriptures, to deceive, they are driven by the Adversary. However, having thus warned the true believers, Sha'ul is now, in our verse, giving the believers the good news, that God... “**will soon crush the Adversary under your feet.**” Sha'ul also affirms to them, that **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** is with them, meaning that the **GRACE** will uphold them in their trust in the Lord.

10th of April 2020.

123. Romans 16:24 CJB: Some manuscripts have **verse 24: The GRACE of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah** be with you all. Amen.
(*KJV: 24 The GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*)

A little confusion here, since the CJB omits **our verse** today, but has it as a postscript. Nonetheless, **our verse** today conveys the idea, that **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** can be wished upon others, as may be seen in *the last 7 ½ verses of Romans 16* here. Allow me, the writer, to wish you reading this study, **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua**, especially at this Passover time, where the Pagan festival of Easter also coincides too. *11th of April 2020.*

124. Philippians 4:23 CJB: **23 The GRACE of the Lord** Yeshua, the Messiah be with your spirit.
(*KJV: 23 The GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*)

The question arises, is **the GRACE of the Lord Yeshua** different to **the GRACE of God**? From the context of **this Chapter**, it seems that they are exactly the same, the difference being the one who gives this **GRACE** to us. For we know that Father, God, Son, Yeshua and Spirit, Holy Spirit are all one and the same being - the Trinity. Only, in **our verse** today, instead of, as so often in these Studies, **the GRACE of God** or **of the Lord Yeshua**, gives us the strength or ability or discernment for a given situation, we see in **our verse**, that this **GRACE** is to be with our spirit, implying, forever. Oh thank you Holy Trinity for this presence with every believer. Amen. *12th of April 2020.*

125. 1 Corinthians 16:23 CJB: **23 May the GRACE of the Lord Yeshua** be with you.
(*KJV: 23 The GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*)

These **last 4 verses** are the greetings of Sha'ul, at the end of his 1st letter to the Corinthians, and as we see, wishing for **the GRACE of the Lord Yeshua** to be with them, is a part of that of that greeting. Now I am sure that this is not just a formality on the part of Sha'ul, but a heartfelt wish that truly, **the GRACE of the Lord Yeshua** to be with them **at all times**. For we know that, as with God Himself, there is no limit to the availability of His **GRACE**. *13th of April 2020.*

126. 2 Corinthians 8:9 CJB: ⁹ For you know how generous our Lord Yeshua the Messiah was, for your sakes he impoverished himself, even though he was rich, so that he might make you rich by means of his poverty.

*(KJV: ⁹ For ye know **the GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.)*

Reading this **whole chapter**, we see that, as some (*probably not true believers*) would say, 'Oh money, money, money. That's all they (*Christians*) talk about.' Well, it **is** necessary at times, to talk about money! However, **the previous chapter, 7**, doesn't mention the subject and **Chapter 9** only sort of skirts around it. Some of the Daystar TV (*American*) programmes I record and subsequently watch, have appeals for money in every programme, sometimes even in the middle. One Christian Radio station, *seemingly*, goes on and on and on asking for money between every song for weeks at a time. One (*British*) Christian TV station I record and subsequently watch, only has a monthly one hour programme asking for funds, which seems a balanced way of doing these things, similar to the way in which Sha'ul is doing in this second letter to the Corinthians. Now, in **our verse** today, we see that the appeal is citing the example of **the GRACE of the Lord Yeshua**, who gave up everything for us, becoming poor (*certainly in earthy terms at least*) in order that we may have riches (*in Heaven*). Thus, the example we should follow, is that **GRACE** in our giving of our whole selves, to our Christian brethren, not just in financial terms, as did Yeshua to each of us. *14th of April 2020.*

127. 1 Thessalonians 5:28 CJB: ²⁸ **The GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** the Messiah be with you.

*(KJV: ²⁸ **The GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ** be with you. Amen.)*

Once again, in **our verse** today, we see the giving of **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** being used as a final wish in the ending of a letter from Sha'ul. This is not to relegate this **GRACE** to be simply a farewell! We need to have **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** to be with us, as true believers, at all times, for He will keep us on the narrow path and be our guide all through life. We, as true believers, need to constantly look to that **GRACE**, if we look away, we will go astray! Oh, I'm a poet and I didn't know it. ☺ *15th of April 2020.*

128. 2 Thessalonians 3:18 CJB: ¹⁸ **The GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** the Messiah be with you all.

*(KJV: ¹⁸ **The GRACE of our Lord Jesus** Christ be with you all. Amen.)*

*(OJB: ¹⁸ The unmerited **Chen v'Chesed Hashem of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua** be with you all. [T.N. The following was written during the period between his release from custody in 63 and his re-arrest and death al kiddush ha-Shem in 65 C.E.]*

The OJB is added only because it shows the date of the writing this letter and adds that to those recipients, **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** is unmerited. Otherwise, in **our verse** today, **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** is given to the recipients of this letter, the Thessalonian believers. It is, as seen in **verse 16**, **only 2 verses above our verse** today, coupled again with the Shalom of the Lord and for the Lord Himself to be with them. *16th of April 2020.*

129. 2 Corinthians 13:14 CJB: ¹⁴ **The GRACE of the Lord Yeshua** the Messiah, the love of God and the fellowship of the *Ruach HaKodesh* be with you all.

*(KJV: ¹⁴ **The GRACE of the Lord Jesus** Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.)*

Once more, in **our verse** today, this is a farewell greeting. In a secular way, one would say, “*all the best, mate, look after yourself and keep well.*” What Sha’ul is offering here is far, far better, it is giving the very best of what God Himself has to give, it is nothing less than **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua**, His only son. There can be nothing better to give. *17th of April 2020.*

130. Galatians 6:18 CJB: ¹⁸ **The GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** the Messiah be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

*(KJV: ¹⁸ Brethren, **the GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ** be with your spirit. Amen.)*

Once more we have **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** given in **our verse**, as a farewell greeting to the brothers. However, there is a difference this time, **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** is given to the **spirit** of the brothers – us true believers. This is not to the *Ruach Hakodesh* within the brothers. This means, that we are each to have a **GRACIOUS** spirit within us. This gives us the ability to live as Christian witnesses, giving glory to our saviour and Lord. Hallelujah! Amen. *18th of April 2020.*

131. Philemon 25 CJB: ²⁵ **The GRACE of the Lord Yeshua** the Messiah be with your spirit.
(**KJV:** ²⁵ **The GRACE of our Lord Jesus** Christ be with your spirit. Amen.)

Here in **this letter** today, we see that Sha'ul is writing to Philemon, asking him to receive Onesimus again, as more than a slave, but as a brother too. In **our verse**, the closing of the letter, we also see that Sha'ul is sending **the GRACE of the Lord Yeshua** to be with the spirit of Philemon, and, by implication, to those who meet with him in his home. So what happens when **the GRACE of our Lord Yeshua** is with the spirit of a believer? The spirit of the believing recipient(s) is much strengthened, to go on to do the works of the Lord, willingly and in fervour.
19th of April 2020.

132. Revelation 22:21 CJB: ²¹ May **the GRACE of the Lord Yeshua** be with all!
(**KJV:** ²¹ **The GRACE of our Lord Jesus** Christ be with you all. Amen.)

A complete aside (!) having read the **whole chapter**, I am confused by **verse two**, where it mentions the tree of life producing fruit, different each MONTH? Previously I understood that time doesn't exist in eternity..... I had never previously thought about that tree in the context of different monthly fruit in Eternity. **Our verse** today has, once again, **the GRACE of the Lord Yeshua** given to all (*believers*) without conditions. Hence, we see that this **GRACE** is given freely and unconditionally to all true believers. HALLELUJAH! AMEN!
20th of April 2020.

GRACIOUS

133. Genesis 43:29 CJB: ²⁹ He looked up and saw Binyamin his brother, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?" and added, "May God be good to you, my son."

*(KJV: ²⁹ And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be **GRACIOUS** unto thee, my son.)*

In **our verse** today, we see, between the 2 translations that to be **GRACIOUS** is to be good. Yosef asked God to be good to Binyamin, his younger brother, the youngest in the family. So, here in this first study on the word **GRACIOUS**, we have a meaning of the word. Maybe further studies will bring out more meanings.

21st of April 2020.

134. Exodus 22:27 CJB: ²⁷) because it is his only garment, he needs it to wrap his body; what else does he have in which to sleep? Moreover, if he cries out to me, I will listen; because I am compassionate.

*(KJV: ²⁷ For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am **GRACIOUS**.)*

In **our verse** today, we see, between these translations, that to be **GRACIOUS** is also to be compassionate. The OJB also uses the word compassionate. It would seem that the words are interchangeable in translating from Hebrew to English. We know that our God is a God of love, of mercy and now we see that He is not only **GRACIOUS**, He is compassionate too. In fact, many words in Hebrew have multiple meanings, often simply depending upon the context in which the word is used.

22nd of April 2020.

135. Exodus 33:19 CJB: ¹⁹ He replied, “I will cause all my goodness to pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce the name of ADONAI. Moreover, I show favour to whomever I will, and I display mercy to whomever I will.

*(KJV: ¹⁹ And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be **GRACIOUS** to whom I will be **GRACIOUS**, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.)*

In **our verse** today, again, by interpolating between the Translations and checking the OJB, we see that the KJV is the better translation, using the word **GRACIOUS**, whilst the CJB uses ‘favour.’ In the context of our verse, Moshe had asked HaShem, the Lord, to show him His ways and we know what happened, how Moshe was hidden in a cleft of a rock until HaShem had passed by, then Moshe could then see the back of God. So, today we see that to be **GRACIOUS** means to show favour. Thank you Lord. *23rd of April 2020.*

136. Exodus 34:6 CJB: ⁶ ADONAI passed before him and proclaimed: “YUD-HEH-VAV-HEH!!! Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh [ADONAI] is God, merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in **GRACE** and truth;

*(KJV: ⁶ And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and **GRACIOUS**, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,)*

Our verse starts where ADONAI proclaims the Tetragrammaton, His name as given by God Himself, as previously given to Moshe. This indicates the seriousness of this situation recorded in **this chapter**. We see that **GRACIOUS** in the KJV is translated as compassionate in the CJB, giving us another meaning of **GRACIOUS** in the Word of God. Thank you Father God, almighty King of kings, Lord of lords, the only God, that You continually give us more and more knowledge of Yourself. Hallelujah! *24th of April 2020.*

137. Numbers 6:25 CJB: ²⁵ Ya’er ADONAI panav eleikha vichunekka.

[May ADONAI make his face shine on you and show you his favour.]

*(KJV: ²⁵ The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be **GRACIOUS** unto thee:)*

(The gap in the dates of these studies is since I have been away (via Zoom) at the Foundations 13 conference.) **Our verse** today is the **centre verse of 3** that comprise the Aaronic Blessing and, in terms of Bible Study should be studied together. However, our studies are on a word only, in its context. Once again, looking at the meaning of **GRACIOUS**, we see that the CJB translates this as ‘favour,’ which would seem to make more sense in the context as one reads the **3 verses**. This tells us that one meaning of our word **GRACIOUS**, is to be “in the favour of Adonai and thus, within His purposes.” As we have seen in these studies, a word translated from the Hebrew original, can have more than one meaning. We thank You Lord Jesus, Father God, for this illumination.

28th of April 2020.

138. 2 Samuel 12:22 CJB: ²² He answered, “While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; because I thought, ‘Maybe ADONAI will show his **GRACE** to me and let the child live.’

*(KJV: ²² And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be **GRACIOUS** to me, that the child may live?)*

The context of **our verse** today is **verses 1 to 23 of this chapter**. It refers to the act of king David in having Uriyah killed, in order to take his widow, this in the **previous chapter**. David had been fasting and praying and worshipping ADONAI, to save the life of the child. David’s fasting, praying and worshipping had been of no avail, so David arose, and resumed his normal life, actions which his servants could not understand. **Our verse** today is where David explained to them how God had not been **GRACIOUS** to him in the matter of the child’s life, despite his pleading. David was simply acknowledging that God’s will, in this case, did not align with David’s. Put simply, our prayers will not be answered if they do not align with God’s plans and purposes. *29th of April 2020.*

139. 2 Samuel 13:23 CJB: ²³ Two years later, when Avshalom had sheep-shearers in Ba’al-Hatzor, near Efrayim, Avshalom invited all the king’s sons. *(KJV: ²³ And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baalhazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.)*

This entry appears to be an error in the Concordance, no word like **GRACIOUS** is in **the verse** in any translation I could find in Bible Gateway.

140. 2 Chronicles 30:9 CJB: ⁹ For if you turn back to ADONAI, your kinsmen and children will find that those who took them captive will have compassion on them, and they will come back to this land. ADONAI your God is compassionate and merciful; he will not turn his face away from you if you return to him.” *(KJV: ⁹ For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is **GRACIOUS** and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.)*

Reading this **whole chapter**, it tells us of how Hizkiyahu invited all Isra’el and Y’hudah to come to Yerushalayim, with the people of Yerushalayim, to celebrate the Festival of Pesach (*Passover*) a month later than prescribed in the Torah, since the Cohanim had not consecrated themselves enough at the prescribed time. In **our verse** today, we see that ADONAI is compassionate and merciful and if the people would turn back to Him, He would not turn His face away from them. He would be **GRACIOUS** and merciful to them. Then in **verse 26**, we see that the result there was great Joy in Yerushalayim. We also see again, comparing the translations, that compassionate and **GRACIOUS** are the same word, as seen in previous studies. *30th of April 2020.*

141. Nehemiah 9:17 CJB: ¹⁷ they refused to listen and paid no attention to the wonders You had done among them. No, they stiffened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a leader to return them to their slavery. But because You are a God of forgiveness, merciful, full of compassion, slow to grow angry and full of **GRACE**, You did not abandon them.

*(KJV: ¹⁷ And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, **GRACIOUS** and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.)*

In **this chapter** today, is a recital of all the evil God's chosen people have done to ADONAI in spite of all the good that ADONAI continues to give them, even to this day! In **our verse** today, we see that they continue to "stiffen their necks" and rebel against God. Yet **the verse** continues to show that He is "a God of forgiveness, merciful, full of compassion, slow to grow angry and full of **GRACE**." And He "did not abandon them." What sort of God is this that does such things in the face of such rebellion? This is our God, the Lord God of Isra'el! We see that He is a God of **GRACE** and compassion towards even us today, in spite of our own constant rebellion, *1st of May 2020.*

142. Nehemiah 9:31 CJB: ³¹ Even so, in your great compassion, you didn't completely destroy them; nor did you abandon them, for you are a compassionate and merciful God.

*(KJV: ³¹ Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a **GRACIOUS** and merciful God.)*

Once again, in **our verse**, we see that **GRACIOUS** and compassionate are similar translations of the same Hebrew word. We read in this **whole (long) chapter**, that no sooner has God rescued His people from one 'mess' that their stubborn hearts have brought them into, that they get into another 'mess' and again and again, God rescues them. Such is the **GRACIOUS** and compassionate God that we (*being grafted in among Isra'el*) have. Such is our God, that if only we turn back to Him and His ways, He has that mercy upon each of us so **GRACIOUS** a God is He. Thank You Father!

2nd of May 2020.

143. Job 33:24 CJB: ²⁴ then [God] is **GRACIOUS** to him and says, 'Redeem him from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom.'
(**KJV:** ²⁴ Then he is **GRACIOUS** unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.)

In the OJB, it cross references **this verse to Mark 10:44** concerning a ransom. Here **in this chapter**, and the **previous one**, Elihu, the youngest of Iyov's friends who were trying to comfort him, is speaking out. Elihu is suggesting that if an Angel can be found to vouch for Iyov's righteousness, then God will be **GRACIOUS** to Iyov, keeping him from the Pit, for a ransom is found. The error of Elihu, is to suggest that God needs a ransom in order to exercise His **GRACE** to anyone. We know today that there is only one ransom great enough to save us from the Pit, the Lake of Fire, that is the Lord Yeshua Himself, no Angel can vouch for us! God does not need a ransom before He would be **GRACIOUS** to anyone, He exercises His prerogative as and when He wishes.

3rd of May 2020.

144. Psalm 77:9 CJB: ⁽⁹⁾ Has God forgotten to be compassionate? Has he in anger withheld his mercy?" (*Selah*)
(**KJV:** ⁹ Hath God forgotten to be **GRACIOUS**? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? *Selah*.)

In both translations, we see at the end, "Selah," Think about this. Here we see again that Compassionate and **GRACIOUS** seem to be interchangeable in **our verse**, between the 2 translations. Thus, to be **GRACIOUS** also means to be compassionate. In this **Psalm, our verse, and the next one**, is a turning point between Asaf being full of regret, and then realising that he is the one that is wrong and God is right.

4th of May 2020.

145. Psalm 86:15 CJB: ¹⁵ But you, *Adonai*, are a merciful, compassionate God, slow to anger and rich in **GRACE** and truth.
(**KJV:** ¹⁵ But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and **GRACIOUS**, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.)

Reading this **whole chapter** shows that David is honouring God and asking for Him to do things for him, as in **verse 11**, to teach him the ways of ADONAI. Here in **our verse** today, David is telling God how he sees Him "**But you, Adonai, are a merciful, compassionate God, slow to anger and rich in GRACE and truth.**" We see in these 2 translations that "**GRACIOUS**" in the KJV is "compassionate" in the CJB, whilst "**GRACE**" in the CJB is "mercy" in the KJV. What a wonderful God we have, or more accurately, that has us, for, remember that He chose us and not the other way around (**John 15:16**).

5th of May 2020.

146. Psalm 103:8 CJB: ⁸ ADONAI is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in **GRACE**.
(*KJV: ⁸ The LORD is merciful and **GRACIOUS**, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.*)

A whole Psalm extolling ADONAI! Our verse is just a part of that, here we see that He is merciful and **GRACIOUS** to us, and, to His people, Isra'el. This whole chapter is summed up in this one verse, that He IS slow to anger and rich in **GRACE**. Once more we see that **GRACIOUS** and compassionate are almost interchangeable in meaning. 6th of May 2020.

147. Psalm 111:4 CJB: ⁴ He has gained renown for his wonders. ADONAI is merciful and compassionate.
(*KJV: ⁴ He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is **GRACIOUS** and full of compassion.*)

In our verse today, we see in the KJV, **GRACIOUS** and compassion being complementary and the word in the CJB for **GRACIOUS** is merciful. The **GRACE** of our Lord Yeshua encompasses so many different meanings. Here we see that it also includes mercy (*and merciful*). Oh how the **GRACE** of God is so great and many sided. Thank you Father God. 7th of May 2020.

148. Psalm 112:4 CJB: ⁴ To the upright he shines like a light in the dark, merciful, compassionate and righteous.
(*KJV: ⁴ Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is **GRACIOUS**, and full of compassion, and righteous.*)

How wonderful, this Psalm starts off with Hallelujah, which translated, means "Praise the Lord," as in the KJV! What better way is there to start anything but with praising the Lord! This Psalm is about a man, who, as in Verse 1 is happy because he fears ADONAI and delights in His mitzvot (*Hebrew, commandments in the KJV*). Our verse today tells us that he shines like a light in the dark and is **GRACIOUS** in the KJV, or compassionate in the CJB. What we learn in our verse today, is that a man can also be **GRACIOUS**, provided he fears ADONAI and delights in His mitzvot, 8th of May 2020.

149. Psalm 116:5 CJB: ⁵ ADONAI is merciful and righteous; yes, our God is compassionate.
(*KJV: ⁵ **GRACIOUS** is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.*)

Looking at these 2 translations of our verse today, we see that the words merciful and righteous are the same in both translations. The word in the place of **GRACIOUS** (*KJV*) in the CJB is compassionate, hence these 2 words obviously mean more or less the same thing, compassion is an aspect of **GRACIOUS**, this we have seen in several of these studies. 9th of May 2020.

150. Psalm 145:8 CJB: ⁸ADONAI is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and great in **GRACE**.

*(KJV: ⁸The LORD is **GRACIOUS**, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.)*

Please read this **whole Psalm**, doing so will uplift your soul! **Our verse** today is a **pivotal verse** for the **whole Psalm** and sum up the reason for this **Psalm**. In **this Psalm** we see twice between the 2 translations, that “merciful” and **GRACIOUS** mean the same and then **GRACE** and “great mercy” mean the same thing. Oh how great is our God, full of **GRACE** and compassion! Our God is full of **GRACE** and compassion. Hallelujah! Thank you Father God, for all your mercies toward us. Hallelujah!
10th of May 2020.

151. Proverbs 11:16 CJB: ¹⁶A **GRACIOUS** woman obtains honour; aggressive men obtain wealth.

*(KJV: ¹⁶A **GRACIOUS** woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.)*

In **our verse** today, we see that by a woman being **GRACIOUS**, following the example of ADONAI, she will obtain honour. (*Now should this be for a man, is another question, not covered here?*) Notice that this does NOT equate being **GRACIOUS** and honour, but that, for a woman, honour follows her being **GRACIOUS**.
11th of May 2020.

152. Ecclesiastes 10:12 CJB: ¹²The words spoken by the wise bring them favour, but the lips of a fool swallow him up.

*(KJV: ¹²The words of a wise man's mouth are **GRACIOUS**; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.)*

We see in **our verse** today, that a man may speak **GRACIOUS** words, if he is a wise man, and these may bring him favour. But, the words of a fool may swallow him up. So what do we learn of **GRACIOUS** today? We must desire to be wise and to BE **GRACIOUS**, also in our speaking. We learn also that the words of a fool may, or even will, come back to bite him! We must seek the Lord for Him to bring us out of folly and bring us into His wisdom, that we might always be **GRACIOUS** in our speaking. We must remember that being **GRACIOUS** may include staying silent at times.
12th of May 2020.

153. Isaiah 30:18 CJB: ¹⁸ Yet ADONAI is just waiting to show you favour, he will have pity on you from on high; for ADONAI is a God of justice; happy are all who wait for him!
(*KJV: ¹⁸ And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be GRACIOUS unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.*)

Read the **whole chapter**, to see the magnitude of those sins committed by Isra'el, in Gods eyes. In **our verse** today, we see that for all Isra'el's sins, ADONAI is waiting patiently for them (*to turn back to Him*) when He will then do as **our verse** says. ADONAI will be **GRACIOUS** (*show them favour*) being high and exalted, He will have pity (*have mercy*) as a God of Justice and so Isra'el will be blessed (*happy*). We do see again that God being **GRACIOUS** means that He shows favour, on Isra'el, in our passage. This **verse** is almost an exercise in comparing alternative meanings of Hebrew words! 13th of May 2020.

154. Isaiah 30:19 CJB: ¹⁹ People in Tziyon, who live in Yerushalayim, you will weep no more. At the sound of your cry, he will show you his **GRACE**; on hearing it, he will answer you.
(*KJV: ¹⁹ For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very GRACIOUS unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.*)

Having read the **whole chapter** again, we come to **our verse**, where ADONAI is comforting the people in Yerushalayim. ADONAI is telling them that they will no longer weep. As He hears their cry, He will be very **GRACIOUS** to them. In that **GRACIOUSNESS**, ADONAI will heed their cry and will answer them. The message to us here, is that if we today, cry out to God for His mercy, He will hear us and be **GRACIOUS** (*show favour to us*) and answer our cry. What a wonderful God we have! 14th of May 2020.

155. Isaiah 33:2 CJB: ² ADONAI, show us mercy; we have waited for you. Be their arm every morning, and our salvation in time of trouble.
(*KJV: ² O LORD, be GRACIOUS unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.*)

Unusually, apart from the 4 or 5 hundred year old language, the only change in the CJB from the KJV is “mercy” instead of **GRACIOUS**. **Our verse** today is a plea to ADONAI for Him to show mercy, to be **GRACIOUS** to Isaiah and his people, and for ADONAI to bring salvation to the people in their time of trouble. Over the rest of **the chapter**, we see that ADONAI is exalted and in **verse 10**, He exalts Himself too. ADONAI is high and exalted far above us humans, His justice, stability, salvation, wisdom and knowledge, are so far beyond our ability to recognise, and His covenants with us are completely unbreakable. What a wonderful God we have! 15th of May 2020.

156. Jeremiah 22:23 CJB: ²³ You who live in the L'vanon, nesting in the cedars, how **GRACIOUS** will you be when pains come on you like a woman in labour?

*(KJV: ²³ O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how **GRACIOUS** shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!)*

This chapter is a part of ADONAI's warnings to the king(s) of Y'hudah, who, as we see in **verse 21**, would not listen. **Our verse** today is asking if they will be **GRACIOUS** when the pains come upon them, implying that they would NOT be **GRACIOUS** at all. Whilst we, as believers, may have pains, problems, troubles, defeats, disasters, come upon us, we must continue to be **GRACIOUS** in our treatment of those around us. That is our duty as true believers in Yeshua, our Saviour.

16th of May 2020.

157. Joel 2:13 CJB: ¹³ Tear your heart, not your garments; and turn to ADONAI your God. For he is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in **GRACE**, and willing to change his mind about disaster.

*(KJV: ¹³ And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is **GRACIOUS** and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.)*

It was common practice in Biblical times, to tear one's clothes as a sign of repentance. In **our verse** today, ADONAI is asking the Jews not to tear their garments, but to show true repentance by tearing their hearts and turning to ADONAI. In doing so, they would find that He, in the CJB, "**is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in GRACE.**" Also, they would find that He is willing to change His mind about the disaster He was about to bring on the Jews, as in the **first 12 verses of this chapter**. If they turn to ADONAI, they will find, as in the KJV, "**for he is GRACIOUS and merciful, slow to anger.**" We see in the **next verse**, that He would then change His mind and leave behind a copious blessing for them. It is since ADONAI is **GRACIOUS**, that He is able to change His mind. Thus, we see another aspect of ADONAI being **GRACIOUS** to us.

17th of May 2020.

158. Amos 5:15 CJB: ¹⁵ Hate evil, love good, and uphold justice at the gate. Maybe Adonai ELOHEI-Tzva'ot will take pity on the survivors of Yosef.

*(KJV: ¹⁵ Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be **GRACIOUS** unto the remnant of Joseph.)*

In **our verse** today and in the previous one, Adonai Elohei Tzva'ot (*LORD God of hosts*), He is telling His people that for all the evil being performed by them, those who do not, must hate the evil and love good and uphold justice. Then He will take pity on the survivors of Yosef, He will be **GRACIOUS** to those survivors. So **GRACIOUS** and pity are one and the same here.

18th of May 2020.

159. Jonah 4:2 CJB: ²He prayed to ADONAI, “Now, ADONAI, didn’t I say this would happen, when I was still in my own country? That’s why I tried to get away to Tarshish ahead of time! I knew you were a God who is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in **GRACE**, and that you relent from inflicting punishment. (**KJV:** ²*And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a **GRACIOUS** God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.*)

In **our verse** today, and in **this whole chapter**, we see that Yonah was so angry, that in **verse 10** he was more or less shouting at ADONAI! Back to **our verse**, Yonah was telling God how right he had been in the first place, in that ADONAI is a **GRACIOUS** God and would show mercy to the sinful inhabitants of Ninveh, which is why he tried to get away to Tarshish, since he didn’t want them to receive mercy! We see here today, that when ADONAI is going to do something, His will trumps ours! In this situation to be **GRACIOUS** (*Compassionate*) to the sinners of Ninveh, He will get it done, no matter our feelings! All Glory to God! Hallelujah! 19th of May 2020.

160. Malachi 1:9 CJB: ⁹So if you pray now that God will show us favour, what your actions have accomplished is that ADONAI-Tzva’ot asks, “Will he receive any of you? (**KJV:** ⁹*And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be **GRACIOUS** unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.*)

In **this whole chapter**, ADONAI is castigating Isra’el for the way in which they are treating Him, especially in their sacrifices to Him! In **our verse**, ADONAI is telling them that they should pray that He would be **GRACIOUS** or show them favour. ADONAI then asks them, effectively, should He receive them and their prayers? The message to us today is that if we want His favour and **GRACIOUS** treatment, our words and our actions, lifestyle, should reflect a Godly way of life. Once again, there seems to be equivalence between the meaning of **GRACIOUS** and favour here. 20th of May 2020.

161. Luke 4:22 CJB: ²² Everyone was speaking well of him and marvelling that such appealing words were coming from his mouth. They were even asking, “Can this be Yosef’s son?”

*(KJV: ²² And all bare him witness, and wondered at the **GRACIOUS** words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?)*

In **our verse** today, everyone was thinking “how wonderful are the things this man (*Yeshua*) is saying and with such authority.....” But in the **next 6 or 7 verses** they wanted to kill Him!!! We also see 2 different transliterations of the Hebrew word, “chen,” as appealing and **GRACIOUS**. Thus we see that **GRACIOUS** and appealing mean the same. A Hebrew “root” word bring many meanings. Thank you Father, for the different meanings of words within the Hebrew language, when translated to English. *21st of May 2020.*

162. 1 Peter 2:3 CJB: ³ For you have **tasted that ADONAI is good.**^[a]
*(KJV: ³ If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is **GRACIOUS**.)*

^[a] Psalm 34:8

Now **any chapter** which starts with the word “Therefore,” demands to know from what is it a result? Hence, the suggestion is to read from **chapter 1 verse 22, down to our verse today**, to find out that reason. Now **this verse** of Peter’s, echoes **Psalm 34:8**, which says almost the same words. So, in **our verse** today, we see that the word “**GRACIOUS**” in the KJV, is translated as “good” in the CJB. Observing the meaning of **GRACIOUS**, shows us that it also means good, amongst so many other meanings. Thank you Lord, for bringing out, to us, so many seemingly different meanings of the word **GRACIOUS**.

22nd of May 2020.

GRACIOUSLY

163. Genesis 33:5 CJB: ⁵ Esav looked up; on seeing the women and children, he asked, “Who are these with you?” Ya’akov answered, “The children God has **GRACIOUSLY** given to your servant.”

*(KJV: ⁵ And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath **GRACIOUSLY** given thy servant.)*

Reading the **first 5 verses of the chapter**, one realises that Ya’akov, was more than slightly worried at meeting his brother, from whom he had stolen the birthright of the firstborn, so many years before. Ya’akov answered Esav’s question, by telling him how ADONAI had so **GRACIOUSLY** given him (*Ya’akov*) these 11 children (*no Binyamin yet*) by his 4 ‘wives.’ Here we see that **GRACIOUSLY** is the process of giving something by **GRACE**.

23rd of May 2020.

164. Genesis 33:11 CJB: ¹¹ So please accept the gift I have brought you, for God has dealt kindly with me and I have enough.” Thus he urged him, until he accepted it.

*(KJV: ¹¹ Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt **GRACIOUSLY** with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.)*

In **our verse** today, we see that **GRACIOUSLY** is translated “kindly,” in the CJB. Thus, when ADONAI deals **GRACIOUSLY** with us, He deals kindly with us. What a wonderful language is the Hebrew (*Heaven’s language*) where a word there, has so many possible meanings. “Kindly” has no hint of condescension, about it, any more than does **GRACIOUSLY**. Thank you Lord that it is **GRACIOUSLY** that you deal and always have dealt with me, forgiving me when I sin and confess, even “mega-sins” against you and those around me. Hallelujah! Amen.

24th of May 2020.

165. Psalm 119:29 CJB: ²⁹ Keep deceitful ways far from me, and favour me with your *Torah*.
(**KJV:** ²⁹ *Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law GRACIOUSLY.*)

Reading **verses 25 to 32** sets the context of our verse. **These verses** are a plea to ADONAI for help. In the 1st half of **our verse**, the writer is asking ADONAI to keep deceitful, or lying ways, far from him. Also, for **Him to favour the writer with the Torah**, or **grant him your law GRACIOUSLY** in the KJV. This is a request for the Lord God to deal **GRACIOUSLY** or favourably with the writer and allow him to work within the Torah. Again one must remember that the word Torah is NOT law, but teachings or instructions. *25th of May 2020.*

166. Hosea 14:2 CJB: ^{3 (2)} Take words with you, and return to *ADONAI*; say to him, “Forgive all guilt, and accept what is good; we will pay instead of bulls [the offerings of] our lips.
(**KJV:** ² Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us **GRACIOUSLY**: so will we render the calves of our lips.)

I laughed at the KJV translation of the last part of **the verse!** Bless you Lord God, for You alone are worthy and You have given us all a sense of humour. **Our verse** today is a plea to ADONAI to forgive all the guilt, all the iniquity, committed by the Hebrews of Shomron (*or Isra’el, they were not all of Judea, hence they were not Jews*). Interestingly, **GRACIOUS** in the KJV is rendered “accept what is good.” So, “receive us **GRACIOUSLY**” is to **accept what is good** (about us). Very different. *26th of May 2020.*

Thank You almighty Father God, high and exalted above all that we can even imagine, King of kings and Lord of lords, for all that You have shown me, in these 166 studies on the word **GRACE** and its derivatives. You have shown too that such is the Hebrew language and its’ structure, that a given word in Hebrew, may be translated in different ways. Thank You ADONAI for all that You are to me, a sinner, in every area of my life, thank you too for all that you have shown me in all these studies, Amen