



## Updated Grace

You who read the Bible in English are truly blessed.

Your Scriptures carry a treasure: two distinct words for what we in Finnish can only call *armo*. You have **Mercy** and you have **Grace** – and in them, the heart of God is revealed in two beautiful dimensions.

**Mercy** is God’s compassion that rescues us from judgment. It is His forgiveness, His tender love that lifts the burden of sin and restores the broken. Mercy speaks to our past, answering our failures with divine pardon.

**Grace** is something far deeper still. Grace is God’s favor, His delight, His unearned gift that empowers us to live in His presence. Grace gives us strength, identity, and value as His children. It opens the door not only to forgiveness, but to a life overflowing with His goodness and joy.

In Finnish, there is only one word – *armo*. It covers both Mercy and Grace, leaving their distinct beauty hidden beneath the same veil. But through years of reading the Bible in English, the Holy Spirit revealed to me the difference. And once seen, it was as if a whole new light fell upon the Scriptures.

This revelation gave birth to **Updated Grace**. The book was written to renew our understanding of these two treasures. To show how Mercy and Grace each carry their own glory: Mercy frees us from what was, Grace carries us into what can be. Mercy saves us from death, Grace lifts us into life.

I am deeply thankful that this book has been born. My prayer is that it will open the eyes of many – in Finland, in Britain, and across the nations – to the Father’s heart of favor. That it may draw us closer to His nearness, His kindness, and His delight, which have already been written into the pages of Scripture.

This is the call of **Updated Grace**: to live, to move, and to have our being in the Father’s love.

*In the name of Jesus – amen.*