

# **Grace from the Start: Understanding Yah's Favor Through the Ages**

**Shalom Family, let's dive into this topic together and see what the Word of Yah reveals.**

When people hear the word grace, many think it is something new, something that appeared only in the New Testament. The common church phrase "we are saved by grace" is often quoted but rarely understood. The truth is, Yah's grace has been present since the beginning of creation. From Adam and Eve to the prophets, and finally fulfilled in Yahshua the Messiah, grace has always been Yah's way of extending mercy and favor to His people.

## **What Is Grace?**

The Hebrew word often tied to grace is "chen" (favor, kindness, mercy), and in Greek, the word "charis" (gift, favor, goodwill). Grace is Yah's unearned favor; His kindness given even when we don't deserve it. It is not a license to sin but an opportunity to repent, to live, and to walk in His covenant.

- Exodus 34:6 – "Yahuah, Yahuah El, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth."

From the start, grace has been a key attribute of Yah's character.

## **Grace in the Garden**

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, they deserved immediate death, for Yah had warned them, "In the day you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17). Yet, instead of destroying them instantly, Yah extended grace:

1. He allowed them to live, though they would face consequences.
2. He covered their nakedness with garments of skin (Genesis 3:21), pointing to His mercy and the future covering through sacrifice.
3. He promised the coming Seed who would crush the serpent (Genesis 3:15).

Grace was there from the beginning.

## **Grace Through the Generations**

- Noah – “But Noah found grace in the eyes of Yahuah” (Genesis 6:8). Noah wasn’t perfect, but Yah chose to show him favor.
- Abraham – Called out of idolatry, Abraham received Yah’s promises not by works but through faith (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3).
- Israel – Though they constantly strayed, Yah extended grace again and again, raising up judges, prophets, and kings to call them back.

Grace was never absent in the Old Testament, it has always been Yah’s way of preserving His people.

## **Grace and Salvation in Messiah**

When the church says, “we are saved by grace,” they often stop short of explaining what that means. Paul writes:

- Ephesians 2:8–9 – “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Elohim.”

This does not mean grace replaces obedience. It means salvation is Yah’s gift, not something we can earn. But this grace is accessed through faith in Yahshua, the living Word, the Lamb who takes away sin.

- Romans 3:31 – “Do we then make void the law through faith? Yah forbid: yea, we establish the law.”

Grace does not abolish Torah, it empowers us to walk in it.

## **Enduring Grace: Salvation to the End**

Grace is not a one-time event. Messiah Himself taught:

- Matthew 24:13 – “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”

Grace gives us the chance to repent, to keep walking, to keep enduring. It covers our past, sustains us in the present, and points us toward future redemption when Yahshua returns. True salvation is for those who remain faithful until the end.

Grace is not a new idea it has been present from the start. Adam and Eve received grace in the garden. Noah found grace during judgment. Israel lived because of Yah’s grace. And we today stand in that same grace through Yahshua the Messiah.

But grace is not cheap. It is not permission to sin, nor does it replace obedience. Grace is Yah’s favor that gives us time to repent, strength to endure, and hope to be saved in the

end. As Scripture says, “My grace is sufficient for thee” (2 Corinthians 12:9). From the garden until now, Yah’s grace has never failed.

**Until we meet again, may we continue to walk in the undeniable truth of Yah’s Word.**

**Shalom,**

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