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What is grace through Christian's point of view? **Where in the Bible does God demonstrate grace?** ①
The world today seems to take the Lord's love and favour for granted, let's see what the Christian belief would have to say about His grace.

What is grace? In the Christian theology, grace is said to be "The love and mercy given to us by God because God desires us to have it, not because of anything we have done to earn it". Grace to Christians is known to be a natural gift from God. Where He is nothing but good to us, and all we do is take Him for granted. He shows us grace through His continuous love, blessings, the gift of life, continuously forgiving us when we have been in the wrong and many more, but all we seem to do is not take any notice of His divine grace and mercy that He has bestowed upon us, and most of the time it leads us into temptations of the world and at the end of the day we end up on the wrong side of the track in life. ①

When Christians say that, "the love and mercy given to us by God because God desires us to have it". This means that everything God offers us, He wants us to keep it. He wants us to know that through His grace towards us shown through His love and mercy, He wants His people to know He's there for us and to call out to Him, which is the same as having favour upon ourselves to calling unto Him for His mercy and love. ①

"Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace". – **Romans 6:14**. This verse reflects back to the story of **Adam and Eve** when God gives them freedom to live in the Garden of Eden. God gave Adam and Eve freedom within the Garden of Eden; they could eat off any tree in the garden, except one particular tree. This was the Tree of Life, the tree that determined both good and evil. God's grace is shown when He still cared and loved Adam and Eve although they disobeyed Him and His commands. In the Bible, the story of Adam and Eve is where God first demonstrates His grace. God showed favour unto both Adam and Eve when he clothed them with leaves from His garden. Although they did not show any grace towards God and got thrown out of the Garden of Eden, God still looked after them. He not only clothed them, He also fed them and they were being well looked after. ②

Genesis 6:8 "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord". This is the first time the word 'grace' or 'favour' is being shown in the Bible or when God introduces the word grace. In **Genesis 4 God demonstrates grace.** ②

He shows a way of dealing with anger and jealousy. God demonstrates grace towards Cain, when he killed his innocent brother Abel. He dealt with Cain's punishment through His own way. Usually, now a day's people would kill another if they committed murder like Cain had done. However, God dealt with this in His own manner. He had to deal with Cain's anger and jealousy, which was towards his brother Abel that caused him to kill him and bring him as an offering unto God. ①

In **the New Testament** it talks about the grace that Jesus showed through when he would always perform miracles and have mercy on those who are in need. God showed grace by performing many miracles and also by healing those who are sick and crippled because that was the will of the Lord. One story in the Bible where Jesus showed Grace, is where **Jesus healed the 10 sick people with leprosy** and when only one out of ten came back to thank Jesus for healing him/her. The Lord knew, ②

that all he had to do was show his grace and heal those who needed to be healed and did not mind about the others who did not turn back to thank him. When Jesus died on the cross, we received grace from God because we are saved by this act despite not deserving it.

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The theme of grace or the way God demonstrates grace in the Bible, is a lesson for us to learn from. We should read and understand the verses in the why God demonstrates grace towards those who do not deserve his love and grace, yet he does not turn away from them. He still loves and cares for them; better yet, he still shows favour and grace in his actions towards His people.

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The meaning of grace to me is that the way God demonstrates grace towards us sinners is a blessing.