

SERMON NOTES
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Start Here!

2 Corinthians 8:1-2, 6-9; 9:8, 15

The first letter of the New Testament alphabet

Grace – *charis* – “gift”

It is the place the Christian life begins (Drift away! Return.)

A good sign is “a desire to give back!”

“THANKS be to God for this indescribable gift.” (9:15)

Your gift to Him!

Eucharist = *eu* (good) *charis* (gift)

Not always true

2 Corinthians 6:1 And working together *with Him*, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain—

You are loved!

You are safe!

You are blessed!

Cheerfulness (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Boldness (John 4:10)

2 Corinthians 8:1-2, 6-9; 9:8,15

^{8:1} Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the GRACE of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, ² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

⁶ So we urged Titus that as he had previously made a beginning, so he would also complete in you this GRACIOUS work as well.

⁷ But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, *see* that you abound in this GRACIOUS work also. ⁸ I am not speaking *this* as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also. ⁹ For you know the GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

^{9:8,15} And God is able to make all GRACE abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed

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