Amazing Grace

Genesis 6:8 – But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

• "grace" - CHEN; favor; acceptance.

John 1:14-17 – And the Word became 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. ¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' " ¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Grace [NT] – CHARIS; supernatural (unmerited) favor; divine influence.

• **Richards**: "Grace is God's ability working in man, making him able to do what he cannot do in his own ability." [Grace, the Power to Change]

Ephesians 2:4-10 – But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Titus 2:11 – "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,"

James 4:6, 7 – But He gives more GRACE. Therefore He says: "God resists the PROUD, but gives grace to the HUMBLE." ⁷Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

• "<u>submit</u>" – to arrange [troop divisions] under the command of a leader; a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, and assuming responsibility.

I Peter 5:5-7 – "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." ⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

• **Nelson's Bible Dictionary** – Biblical humility is not a belittling of oneself, but an exalting or praising of others, especially God and Christ. Humble people focus more on God and others than on themselves.

Biblical humility is also a recognition that by ourselves we are inadequate, without dignity and worthless. Yet, because we are created in God's image and because believers are in Christ, we have infinite worth and dignity. True humility does not produce pride but gratitude. Since God is both our Creator and Redeemer, our existence and right-eousness depend on Him.

Jude 4 [NLT] – I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:16 – Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Revelation 22:21 – The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.