

## What do we offer Lost People: God's Effective Favor

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### Key Scriptures

**Genesis 6:5-8 (NASB)** <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup> But+ Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

**Acts 20:24 (AMP)** <sup>24</sup> But none of these things move me; neither do I esteem my life dear to myself, if only I may finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have obtained from [which was entrusted to me by] the Lord Jesus, faithfully to **attest** to the good news (Gospel) of God's grace (His unmerited favor, spiritual blessing, and mercy).

### Part I

People are trapped in a state of self-inflicted **pain**.

Part of our mission as modern day 21st century believers is to help bring men to the end of themselves.

Our goal is that Christ would be **formed** in the life of every believer (old and new), to the fullness.

Victory in life is realized by having a keen sense of the grace of God in your life.

**Grace defined:** particularly that which causes joy, pleasure, gratification, favor, acceptance, for a kindness granted or desired, a benefit, thanks, gratitude. A favor done without expectation of return; the absolutely free expression of the loving kindness of God to men finding its only motive in the bounty and benevolence of the Giver; unearned and unmerited favor.

**Source:** Complete Word Study Dictionary

In times past grace was **found**, but in these last days grace has been **given**.

God wants His grace (favor) to **permeate** every area of our life.

Until we recognize that we must be fully trained in the Spirit of Grace, we will never experience the **fullness** of Him.

Paul laid the foundation of the Gospel of grace like a master builder. (**1 Cor 3:10**)

Paul, stated that the one who comes behind and builds, must be careful how he **builds** upon it.

### Part II

As we grow in grace we begin to take on the **nature** of the Spirit.

Our good conduct (deeds) becomes a **by-product** of a life that's come under subjection.

When we **embrace** the grace of God, the Holy Spirit helps us to be gracious to others in every area of our lives.

### Part III

➤ **Ephesians 4:7 (NASB)** <sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

➤ **1 Peter 4:10 (NASB)** <sup>10</sup> As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

If you want to discover your purpose, discover grace.

It is the Grace of God that will **thrust** you into your purpose.