

# SUSTAINING GRACE

**Definition:** God's Grace is His unmerited or undeserving favour to those who deserve judgement.

*Ephesians 2:8-9 (nlt) God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

**God's grace also means His ENABLING power.**

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (gnb) May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us **and in His grace gave us unfailing courage and a firm hope,***  
*<sup>17</sup> encourage you and strengthen you to always do and say what is good.*

God grace sustains us and helps us in every aspect of our life.

**God gives us the power to keep on going!**

*Philippians 1:6 (tlb) I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on **helping you grow in His grace until His task within you is finally finished** on that day when Jesus Christ returns.*

# God's sustaining grace **EMPOWERS** us to do **RIGHT**.

Being committed to doing the right thing can be tough.

*Galatians 6:9 (nlt) So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.*

*Ephesians 3:20 (ncv) With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.*

*2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (gnb) It is God Himself who makes us..., it is God Himself who has set us apart, 22: who has placed His mark of ownership upon us, and who has given us the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the guarantee of all that He has in store for us.*

# God's sustaining grace **ENCOURAGES** us when we're **FACING** problems.

*John 16:33b (nlt) ...here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*

Jesus says that He will give us the power to handle difficulties.

*Psalms 46:1 (niv) God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.*

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4** (msg) *All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! 4: He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.*

The Holy Spirit is called the comforter.

## Conclusion

We can't rewrite our history's. But by God's grace we can carve out a new future.

- God's sustaining grace empowers us to do right.
- God's sustaining grace encourages us to face life's problems.

**Philippians 2:13** (nlt) *For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases Him.*