



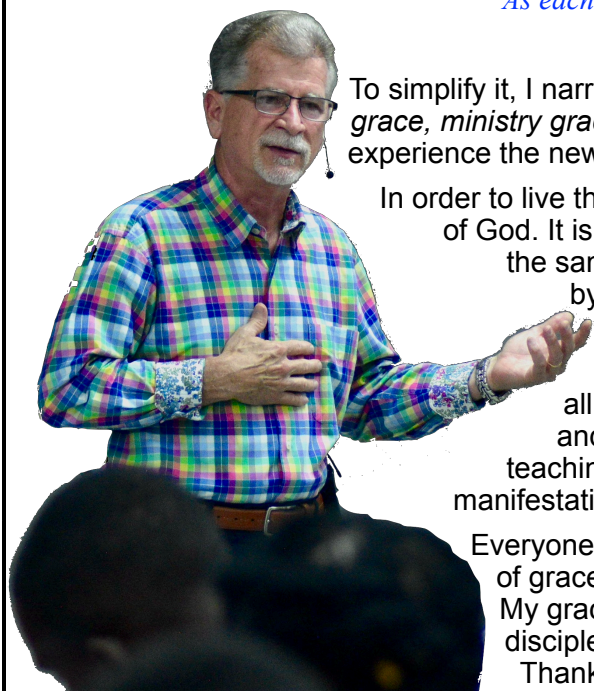
The Greek term used for grace is **charis**. It is the core of the term charismatic. That word is associated with the manifestations of the Holy Spirit that are found in Second Corinthians. That term is often applied to churches that believe in those manifestations as something to be expected when the church is gathered.

We are most accustomed to associating Charis (grace) with being saved. Rightfully so, because it is by Charis that we are saved not of works lest any man should boast; it is a gift of God.

When it comes to ministry or spiritual leadership in the Body of Christ, it is dependent once again on the Charis or the grace of God that is given to the church in the function of those called to public ministry.

Peter provides some understanding to us that there is a manifold grace, more than one expression of the same thing and it enables us to communicate, demonstrate, and experience the abilities of God.

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1Pe 4:10)



To simplify it, I narrow this manifold to three types of grace. *Saving grace, living grace, ministry grace.* It is only through the ability that God gives that we can experience the new birth and be saved.

In order to live the life of Christ that we now live in this world, it takes the grace of God. It is impossible to do it any other way, as Paul wrote in Philippians, the same way we are saved we are now to walk in this new life. It is by grace through our faith in Jesus who is the manifestation of the grace of God.

Thirdly, to now minister the reconciliation that is provided to all of humanity, we must yield to ministry grace to express God and His desires towards man. We do this through the preaching, teaching, and demonstrating His goodness through the grace manifestations or gifts of the Spirit.

Everyone has a work to do, a race to run or what I refer to as the place of grace. We are individuals who are called according to His purpose. My grace and race at present is to go as far and wide as I can to make disciples through teaching.

Thank you to our partners who are making that possible.

Together we are reaching the four corners of the earth with the light of the gospel!

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