



## Heavenly Vision Bible Study Series

*The purpose of this series is to break down any preconceived notions or fallacies that may be present among us concerning the reality of God's grace, while coming into a clear understanding of grace and the part that it plays in our everyday lives. Our goals are to reach a place where we are full of God's grace and to begin living and operating by the grace of God.*

*Working definition of Grace*

*"Divine ability to do and to be what God has called you to do and to be"*

## GRACE DISTORTED

One of the greatest weapons that the enemy has is deception and it flows out of his identity as a liar.

**Revelation 12:9:** *"And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."*

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**2 Corinthians 11:3:** *"But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ."*

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Over and over believers are warned not to be deceived, or not to believe some 'spiritual' teachings or doctrines that are not true. We must have knowledge and Truth!

**1 Corinthians 15:33-34:** *33 "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals.' 34 Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame."*

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**Hosea 4:6:** *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. . ."*

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**Isaiah 5.13:** *"Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude is parched with thirst."*

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One of the great areas of deception that the "Deceiver" has put over on the Church surrounds the definition of the word 'GRACE,' which forms the epicenter of our Christian faith and walk.

**Titus 2.11:** *"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men."*

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**2 Timothy 1:8-9:** *8 "Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,"*

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**Romans 5.1-2:** *1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God."*

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**Ephesians 1:5-6:** *5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."*

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