

Episode 8

Music with a Message GRACE

NARRATOR: Grace is the help or strength given through the atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. Through the grace of God, everyone who has lived will be resurrected. Our spirits will be reunited with our bodies, never to again be separated. Through his grace, the Lord also enables those who live his gospel to repent and be forgiven. Grace is a gift from Heavenly Father given through his Son, Jesus Christ. The word *grace* as used in the scriptures refers primarily to the enabling power and spiritual healing offered through the mercy and love of Jesus Christ. Mercy River sings the song from which they take their name, from the album of the same name.

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“Mercy River” by Mercy River

[END MUSIC]

NARRATOR: In Greek, the word which is translated as *grace* means “good will,” “loving kindness,” “favor.” In the New Testament usage, the word implies the idea of “kindness which bestows upon one what he has not deserved.” In the Bible Dictionary, we learn the main idea of the word is “divine means of help or strength, given through the bounteous mercy and love of Jesus Christ.” Rebecca Lopez sings “Softly and Tenderly” from her album *When You Believe*.

[BEGIN MUSIC]

“Softly and Tenderly” sung by Rebecca Lopez

[END MUSIC]

NARRATOR: The Lord Jesus Christ can deliver us and grant us grace because he kept the laws of God perfectly, and he met the demands of the law for all the rest of mankind. In the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross, by his power as the Son of God, Jesus Christ purchased us through the shedding of his blood. Mindy Gledhill sings “Garden Walls” from her album *The Sum of All Grace*.

[BEING MUSIC]

“Garden Walls” by Mindy Gledhill

[END MUSIC]

NARRATOR: How many of us at times try to resolve life’s challenges ourselves without seeking the intervention of the Lord in our lives? We try to carry the burdens alone. Jesus taught that we should not bear them unaided. In spite of our feeling at times that He has forgotten us, he testifies “Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands.” The Lord through his grace can continually assist us in our daily lives and in our physical and mental sickness: pain, transgressions, and even in all of our infirmities. Jenny Phillips sings “Grace” from her album *The Miracle*.

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“Grace” by Jenny Phillips

[END MUSIC]

NARRATOR: A broken heart and a contrite spirit which lead to godly sorrow that worketh repentance are prerequisites to receiving God’s grace. A broken heart and contrite spirit come when our desire to be cleansed from sin is so consuming that our hearts ache with sorrow and we yearn to feel at peace with our Father in Heaven. Kenneth Cope sings “Broken” from *Especially for Youth, 2005*.

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“Broken” by Kenneth Cope

[END MUSIC]

NARRATOR: Grace is God’s love in action. It is His doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We should have great hope in knowing, however unworthy we may feel or weak we may be, that if we will do all we can, He will come to our aid and provide for us whatever we may lack. Cheri Call sings “Family Tree” from her album *Beneath These Stars*.

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“Family Tree” by Cheri Call

[END MUSIC]

NARRATION:

Moroni sums up the doctrine of grace succinctly. “If ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness and love God with all your might, mind, and strength, then is His grace sufficient for you, that by His grace ye may be perfect in Christ. Then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God through the shedding of the blood of Christ.”

What glorious gospel news is an understanding of this doctrine of grace which persuades us to more fully center our faith and hope upon Jesus Christ. Through the grace of the Father, we will better know how to come unto the Son. Let us be submissive to the Father’s will, recognizing that his will is preeminent. How thankful we ought to be to submit to His will because He and His Son will never do anything save it be for the benefit of the world. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square perform “Amazing Grace” from the album *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.

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“Amazing Grace” performed by The Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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