

SUPER-GRACE (Charis)

In 2 Cor.8:7, Paul listed six characteristics of super-grace important to the fulfillment of the context of 2 Cor.8-9.

2 Thess.1:3 (huperauxano)

This lesson will study a three point of introduction to the sixth characteristic of super-grace status in the Christian Way of Life (CWL) [charis] (God's grace).

1. We will explore the background of the context of (2 Cor.8-9) by the following four points.

- **1st** The theme of (2 Cor.8-9) is **“the ministry to the saints in need”** (2 Cor.9:1-5).
 - (2 Cor.9:12) “For the ministry of this service (tes leitourgia) [Priestly service] is **not only** fully supplying the needs of the saints, **but also** overflowing through many thanksgivings (eucharaistia) to God.”
- **2nd** (2 Cor.8-9) involves logistical grace for believers on the mission field being persecuted for their faith in the Angelic Conflict (AC) as well as under the fourth cycle of divine discipline upon the priest-nation of Israel (Lev.26 and Deut.28).
- **3rd** Israel has now become the mission field for Gentile believers (Acts 1:8 to 8:1).
 - You can follow Paul’s conflict with legalism in “ministry to the saints in need” (Acts 20:13-28:31). You will see them “bite the hands that feed them.”
- **4th** What is ironic is that Gentile grace believers are supporting Jewish legalist believers because of Paul’s teaching of God’s grace and positional truth (2 Cor.5:17).
 - Ethnical descriptions such as Jews and Gentiles have been eliminated by God’s grace and positional truth in Christ Jesus. (Gal.3:26-28).

2. When you study (2 Cor.8-9), you discover two Greek words that dominate the context related to our lesson: Charis (grace) and Perisseuo (abundance or abound)

- **Charis** is used **seven times** in different forms (NASB) in **ch.8**: 2 Cor.8:1 (grace), 4 (favor), 6 (gracious work), 7 (gracious work), 9 (grace), 16 (thanks), 19 (gracious work).
- It is used **three times** in different forms in **ch.9**: 2 Cor.9:8 (grace), 14 (surpassing grace), and 15 (thanks).
- **Perisseuo** is used **six times** in different forms (NASB) in **ch.8**: 8:2 (2x/ abundance and overflowed), 7 (2x/ abound), 14 (2x/ abundance).
 - It is used **four times** in **ch.9**: 1 (superfluous), 8 (2x/ abound and abundance), 12 (overflowing).

3. **God's grace is embodied in the person and work of Jesus Christ on behalf of all members of the human race. "Charis is the divine favor shown in Christ." (TD of NT; vol.9, pg.397)**

John makes this point in one passage of the Gospel of John (John 1:14-18) [John the Baptist's testimony].

Then he wrote 21 chapters on it.

(Jn.1:14, 16, 17)

(Jn.1:15, 18)

Writer of Hebrew makes this point.

(Heb.2:9-10)

(Heb.4:14-16) (Heb.2:18; Matt.4:4)

(Heb.7:25)

Paul makes this point in the Book of Ephesians.

(Eph.1:3-8)

(Eph.2:4-10)