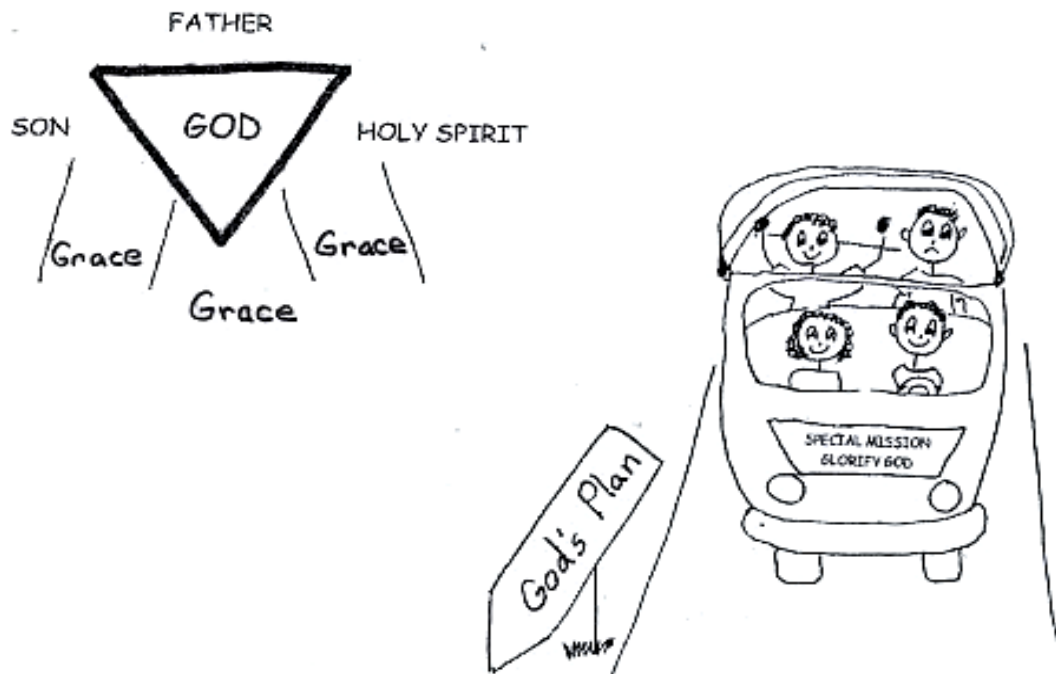


Leaning on God's Grace

Before we can use anything we have to know how it works and have the strength to use it. A baby doesn't know how nor have the strength to ride a bicycle. The same is true for us and grace. Grace is free, unmerited love, mercy, favor and kindness from God. In other words, we don't have to work for it. We have to choose to learn about it through the Word of God. Then we have to choose to believe it and to use it. This takes time and God gives us time. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to learn, to believe and to use grace so we can relax in God's plan for our lives.

We can lean on God!

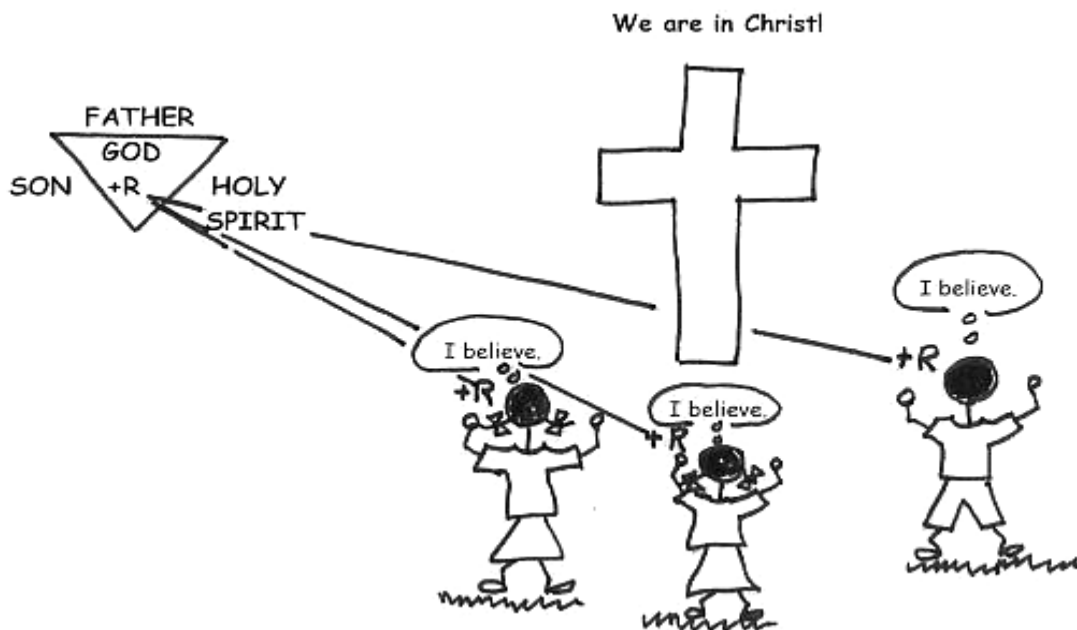


Hebrews 11:6 And without faith [Bible doctrine] it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to *God* must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Our means of salvation is our greatest grace gift. Because of Jesus Christ's work on the cross, God the father can act freely to save and bless mankind. All of the demands of the Father's holiness - His righteousness and justice - have been satisfied in Jesus Christ.* Jesus Christ paid the price for our sins and cancelled our debt. He satisfied the Father's demands concerning our sins and made peace between God and mankind. It is up to mankind to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Once that is done, the believer is justified. He or she receives the righteousness of God! We receive the free gift of grace; God does the work and we see His glory, His honor and His integrity.

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read booklets on *Soteriology*.

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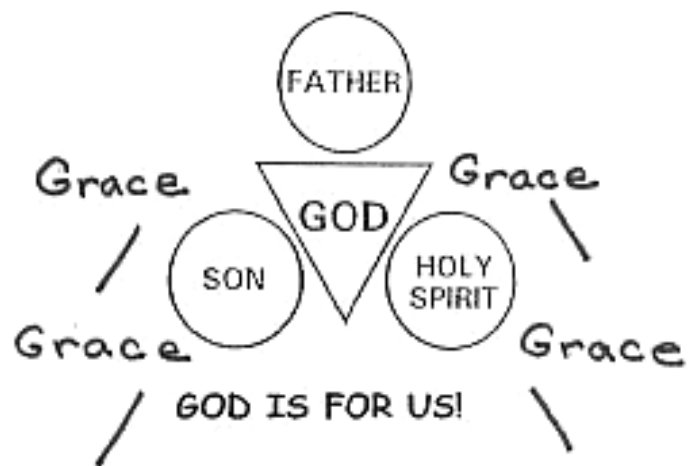


Romans 3:24 Being justified as a gift by His grace [saving grace] through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

God, in His infinite wisdom, that means wisdom that has no end, knows everything we need! He knows grace - His love, mercy, favor and kindness - is the only thing that will make us grow in the spiritual and physical life. **Everything** we have comes from God; it comes from His directive will or His permissive will.* God gives and we are to receive. When we receive or use His grace gifts, we reflect God's glory or we show others what God does for us. We show that God takes care of our every need. Awesome!

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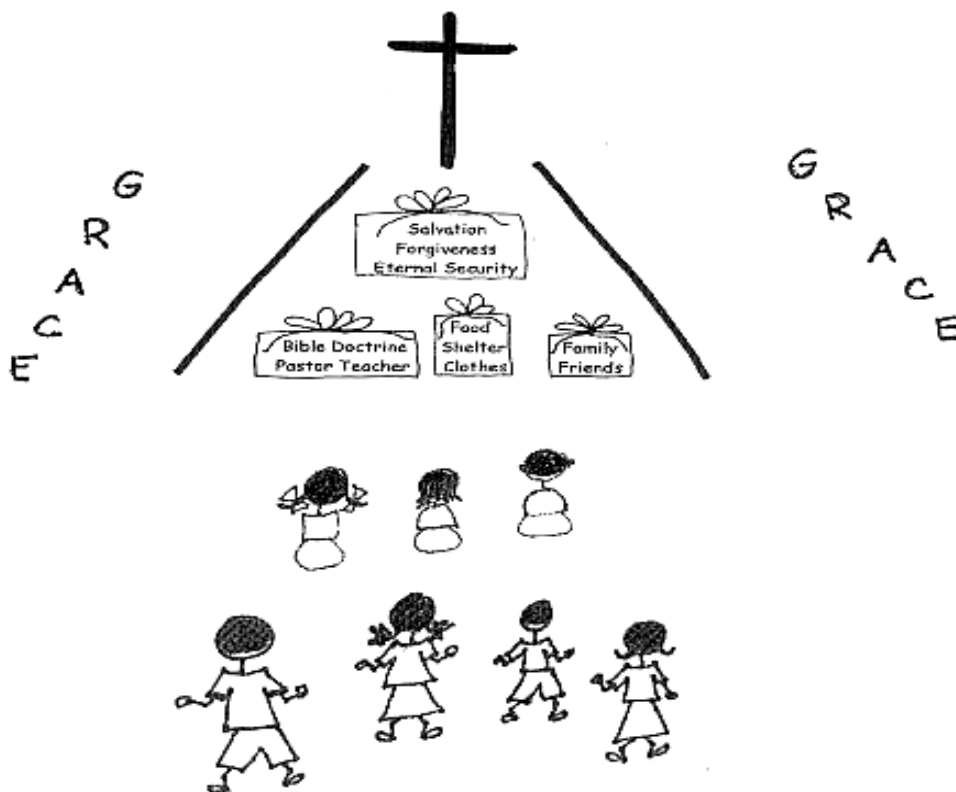


Romans 3:31 What then shall we say to these things: If *God is* for us [and He is] who *is* against us?



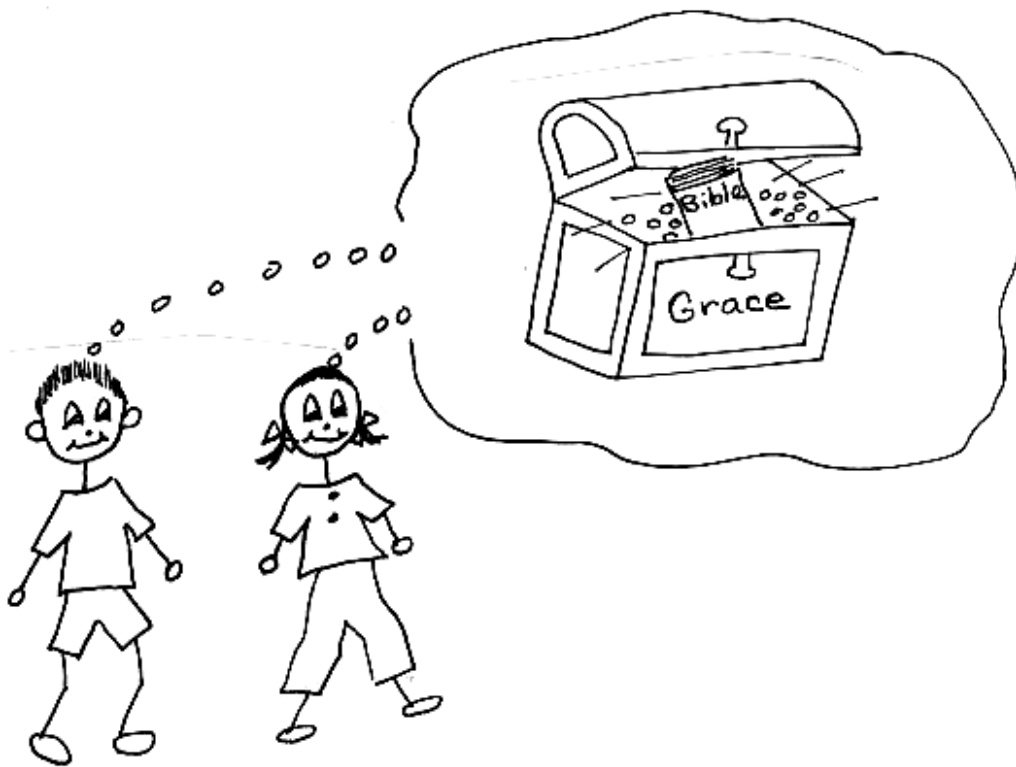
So, we don't have to be concerned about our needs. We just have to be filled with the Holy Spirit* and learn, believe and use Bible doctrine. In time we will see how God takes care of our every need. If He didn't treat us in grace, we'd be worried and focus on our needs rather than on Him! God wants us to receive His grace and relax in His loving care. He does the work! We get the grace blessings. God gets the glory!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Problem Solving Device #1 - REBOUND* and *Problem Solving Device #2 - FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*.



2 Timothy 1:9 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.

Grace lies dormant or sitting in God's treasure chest for us until we have the capacity or ability to use it. The capacity or ability comes from Bible doctrine. This means we have to learn God's Word before we can understand and know about His love, mercy, favor and kindness - His grace. God wants us to use His grace. He has an endless supply waiting for us! The more we grow in God's viewpoint, the more capacity we will have and the more we see His grace in action!

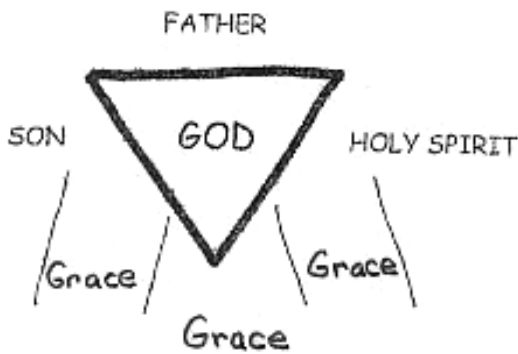


Psalm 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly [walk in His plan].

In grace, God does the work; we receive the grace gifts. Now to truly "receive" God's grace means we possess it and use it. This takes faith. We must believe that God takes care of us. **Deuteronomy 31:6** "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you." We should be excited about God's grace! We shouldn't let it sit on the shelf in God's storeroom. We must not be shy in using it. As heirs with Jesus Christ* we have a right to God's grace. In

fact, God commands us to use it.

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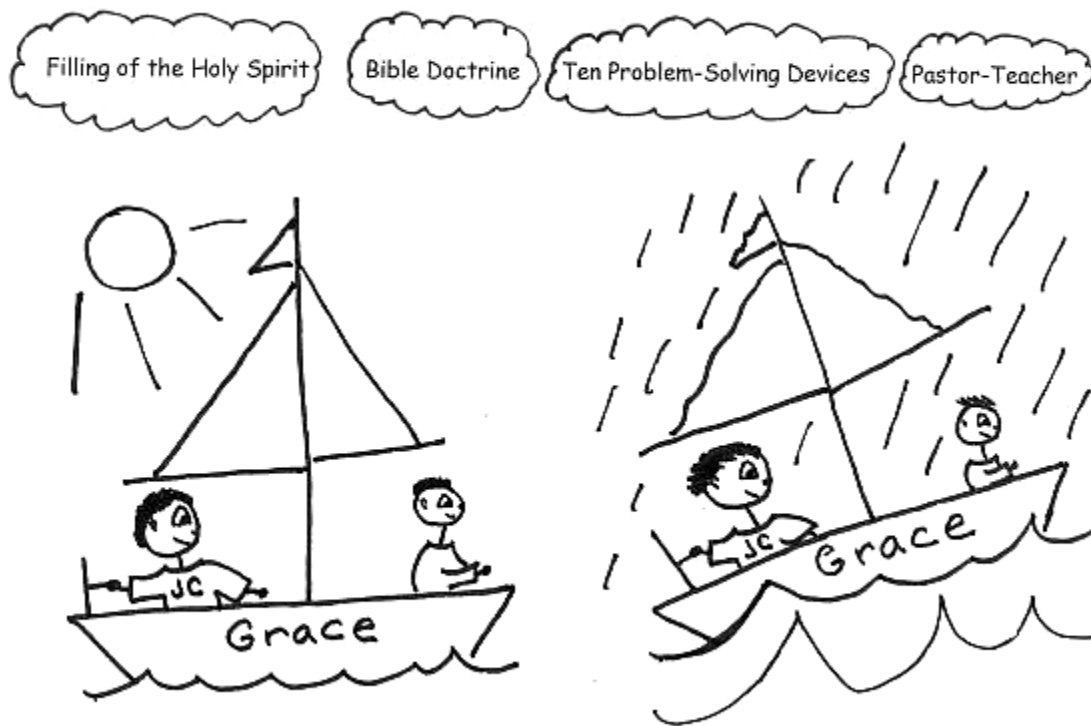


Hebrews 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence [boldly] to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

We must take all God gives us in His grace - prosperity and adversity, or smooth sailing times and rough sailing times. He gives them with His love. They all have their challenges. With God's grace gifts of the filling of the Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine, the ten problem-solving tools and a pastor-teacher we can learn to handle the challenges. All the challenges will help us grow in the grace, knowledge and love of God. We can learn to stay in the boat with the Lord Jesus Christ!

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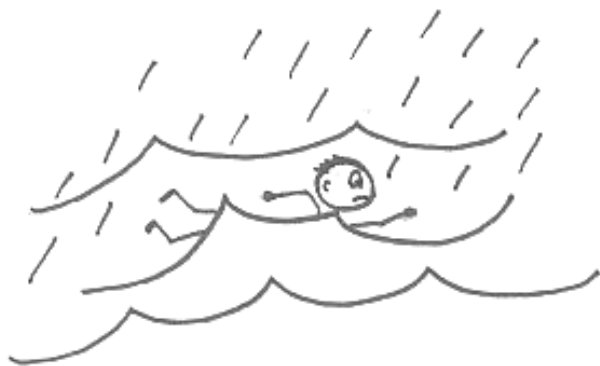


Read Mark 4:35-41.

When we are in the boat with Jesus Christ we have faith in His Word; we are in the predesigned plan of God.* If we don't have faith in the Word of God we will become fearful. Ouch! This fear takes us out of the boat with Jesus, our best Friend. It takes us out of the plan of God and into the stormy waters of self-induced misery! When we stay in the boat with Jesus, He will guide us through all our storms. When we get out of the boat we are saying that we don't want His guidance and protection. We are saying that we can handle our own problems. Big mistake! We need to stay in the boat and focus on the Lord Jesus Christ. Then we will be in the predesigned plan of God.

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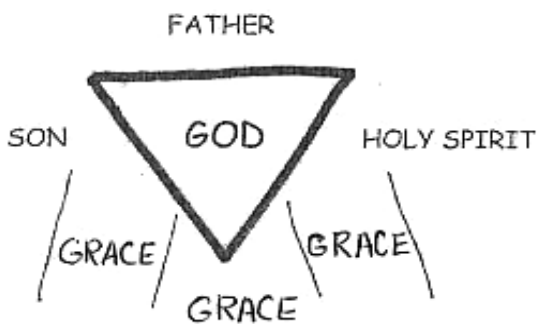


Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for

I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

We have to experience suffering and "scary" places so God can show us His grace. We start out in our spiritual lives with just a little scary. As we get more of God's Word in our souls God shows us that we can handle more rough times. When we get to the place where scary situations aren't as scary as they used to be, we'll be relying on the grace of God to handle the situations. He does big "favors" for us! We learn through His Word to love God. We see Him come through for us time after time! He never runs out of grace or favors! Grace is always available to us and it is limitless!

We can lean on God!



2 Timothy 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.



Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace of mind,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarm;

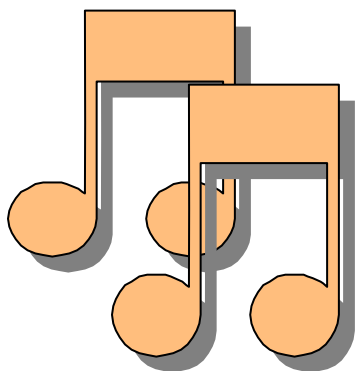
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

Leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.



Sing the chorus twice.

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