

# Abounding in Grace

*II Corinthians 8:1-9*

Definition of Grace:

- For Salvation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ephesians 2:8; Romans 11:6
- For Service: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Strong's (Greek): the divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life
  - Thayers (Greek): the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, & increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, & kindles them to the exercise of Christian virtues
  - I Corinthians 15:10; II Corinthians 12:7-10

## I. Grace Bestowed (v. 1)

*"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia"*

## II. Grace Manifested (vs. 2-6)

A. Situation defined (v. 2)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"great trial of affliction"*
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"deep poverty"*

B. Grace revealed (vs. 2-5)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"abundance of their joy"*
  2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"abounded unto the riches of their liberality"*
- Mark 12:41-44

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
    *“beyond their power”*
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
    *“Praying us with much intreaty”*
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
    *“And this they did, not as we hoped”*
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
    *“first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us”*

### III. Grace Abounded (vs. 7-8)

*“Therefore, as ye abound in every thing . . .”*

- A. In faith: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. In utterance: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. In knowledge: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D. In all diligence: \_\_\_\_\_
- E. In your love to us: \_\_\_\_\_
- F. In this grace also: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Proves the legitimacy of your love (vs. 8)

### IV. Grace Illustrated (v. 9)

*“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ”*

- A. Jesus Christ sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_ for others.  
    *“though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor”*
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ greatly through His sacrifice.  
    *“that ye through his poverty might be rich”*

❖ **Conclusion:** Christian, as you abound in other areas of your life for Christ, ask God to give you the grace to abound in your giving also.