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Grace: A Most Precious and Loving Gift from God

Introduction

1.) What is meant by “grace”? Often, we hear about different types of graces, such as sanctifying, sacramental, or actual graces. We can also experience the benefits of God’s grace at certain times. We’ll get to those later, but what exactly is grace?

2.) Grace is defined as *“the free and undeserved gift that God gives us to respond to his call, become sons and daughters of God, and partakers of the divine nature.”*¹ Grace is God’s divine intervention into every aspect of our lives from conception to our eternal destiny. Grace should be understood, not only as just something we receive, but also as someone who gives himself to us.

3.) What does that mean, “partakers of divine nature”? God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are a divine communion of persons. United in their divinity as One God there is an intimacy, a closeness that human nature could never achieve. Through God’s grace, the divine life of the Trinity is given to us. With his grace, we can know, see, and love God as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit love each other. God’s grace is his eternal life, love, and perfections. Use Jesus Christ as an example. Jesus is true man and true God, human and divine. What made Jesus’ life so beautiful and meaningful was his perfect communion with his divinity. Grace is God giving us his life, without stripping us of our humanity.

Conclusion

Think of everything God is: love, wisdom, peace, eternal, holiness, or beatitude, and the list could go on. God’s gift of his divine life is what we refer to as grace.

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¹ CCC #1996, John 1:12-18; 17:3, Rom 8:14-17 and 2 Pet 1:3-4