

## **To whom does God give His grace?**

Grace is a free gift. It cannot be earned, but neither can one automatically receive it. Notice some examples of those who receive God's grace.

- Those who have faith: "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2).
- Those who are humble: 1 Peter 5:5 says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." James also confirmed this: "But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble'" (James 4:6).
- Those who are forgiven: "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

Of course, it is God who always determines who will receive His grace: "What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! For He says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion'" (Romans 9:14-15).