

# **Knowing God More**

## **Lesson 3 - God is Gracious**

Exodus 34:5-6 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him (Moses) there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth..."

This week we will look at the third characteristic the Lord proclaimed to Moses:

### ➤ **Grace**

Begin this study with prayer, asking the Lord to reveal Himself in His word that you might know Him more.

### **The Meaning**

1. Mercy and Grace are often spoke of together, as they are in Exodus 34 above, but they are not the same. To be sure you understand the difference, write a definition for each below.

a. Mercy

b. Grace

2. Sometimes we gain more understanding of a word by considering the opposite. Look for antonyms for grace and describe what it would look like to for someone to have no grace.

### **What does scripture have to say?**

1. How do the following scriptures describe God's grace?

a. Ephesians 2:7

b. 1 Timothy 1:14

2. Grace is part of God's character, and scripture is very clear about how that grace was given to us. From the following scriptures, what is the source of the grace that is offered to us?

a. John 1:17

b. 1 Corinthians 1:4

### **Manifestation of His Name**

1. What do the following verses tell you about the work of God's grace in our lives?

a. Romans 3:24

b. Ephesians 1:6

c. Ephesians 1:7

d. Titus 3:7

2. The scriptures below explain our need of God's grace and the result of the gift of His grace. Think about each one as you write them out.

a. Romans 3:23

b. Romans 6:23a

c. Romans 6:23b

d. Ephesians 2:8

3. Using the truths in the scriptures above, write out an explanation for an unbeliever about the work of God's grace for salvation.

4. Below are two familiar phrases about grace. Explain what each of these to mean to you.

a. 2 Corinthians 12:9 ...My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness...

b. 1 Peter 5:5 ...God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

### **Grace vs. Works**

1. There are several places in scripture that stress salvation by grace, not by works. As you read the following scriptures, write what they say about "works" and "grace."

a. Romans 11:6

b. Ephesians 2:8-9

c. 2 Timothy 1:9

2. Now, considering the truths in the verses above, write in your own words what you understand about being saved by grace and not by works.

