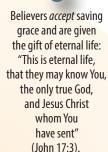
GRACE FOREVERMORE...OR NEVERMORE

God...made us alive together with Christ...and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly (places)...in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-7).

REMOVAL AND RESTORATION OF GRACE

- 1. *Eden:* everything is created for man to enjoy, except one fruit.
- 2. Fall: curse and loss of many grace blessings; e.g., enter thorns, thistles, pests, predation, sickness, sin natures, and death.
- 3. Flood: more grace blessings are removed; e.g., 80% of all plant life is now extinct (Henry Morris).
- 4. Principle: sin and rejecting God reduces grace blessings, leaving less to enjoy.
- 5. Millennium: a reversal and full restoration of edenic grace.
- 6. New Earth: a never-to-be-reduced super-abundance of grace forever.
- 7. Hades and the Lake of Fire: a complete absence of grace blessings forever.



Unbelievers reject saving

grace and receive

eternal death

(eternal separation from God

and God's grace, blessings

and provision).



Believers desire to live with and depend on God.



COMMON GRACE PROVIDED FOR EVERYONE— **GOOD AND EVIL**, **BELIEVERS** AND UNBELIEVERS

"He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matt 5:45).



GRACE IN HEAVEN

(1 Pet 1:13)

FULLNESS OF GRACE

+ city (Heb 11:10; 12:22; Rev 21:2)

+ music instruments (Rev 5:8; 8:2)

+ scrolls (Rev 5:1; 20:12)

+ gold (Rev 1:12–13; 5:8; 14:14)

+ much, much more



GRACE IN THE MILLENNIUM

GRACE ON THE NEW EARTH

"in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace" (Eph 2:7)





MUCH COMMON GRACE

+ rule of Jesus, righteousness, +temple and furnishings (Rev 11:19) and peace (Isa 9:7; Luke 1:31–33) + longevity (Isa 65:20)

+ restoration of all things (Acts 3:21)

+ much, much more



FULLNESS OF GRACE

+ cities, nations, gold, gems, water, rivers, trees, fruit (Rev 21:10-22:2) + fellowship (Rev 21:3; 22:3–4)

- + months (Rev 22:2) night (Rev 22:5) - curse on the earth (Rev 22:3)
- death, tears, and pain (Rev 21:4)



ENDLESS GRACE IS PROVIDED FOR GOD'S PEOPLE ON THE NEW EARTH If God gives so much grace to us now in a cursed world (2 Cor 9:8), how much more will he provide in a perfect world? He "richly supplies us with all things to enjoy" now and will show us "the surpassing riches of his grace" in Eternity Future.



NO GRACE IS PROVIDED FOR THE UNSAVED DEAD IN HADES OR THE LAKE OF FIRE

PRINCIPLE: TO REJECT SAVING GRACE IS TO REJECT ALL GRACE—ALL OF THE GIFTS AND BLESSINGS GOD PROVIDES FOR HIS CREATURES. Common grace is no longer given because the ungodly desire to live without God and depend on themselves. To forfeit common grace is to forfeit everything God creates for our enjoyment (cf. 1 Tim 6:17); grass, trees, wind, water, natural resources, raw materials, et al. Hades and the Lake of Fire are empty—a complete absence of God's grace. There is nothing to do, make, or enjoy, nothing to occupy your time or satisfy your creativity—no pencils, writing materials, books, chairs, tables, building supplies, tools, food, parks, lakes, or

recreation. Just pain and

boredom ... forever...and ever.



ABYSS

God and

depend on self

The Abyss is a deep pit that goes into the heart of the earth and consists of Tartarus, Hades, and Paradise or Abraham's Bosom

TARTARUS

PARADISE Luke 16:19-31: 23:43

HADES

now empty (Eph 4:8–10)

HADES: NO GRACE **AND EMPTY**

+ fire, flames, and agony (Luke 16:23-25)

+ light (Luke 16:23) communication

(Luke 16:23-31) - water

and comfort

LAKE OF FIRE: NO GRACE AND EMPTY

- + fire, brimstone (sulphur), smoke (Rev 14:10–11; 19:20; 20:10) \pm smell of burning sulphur (Rev 14:10) + torment (Rev 14:10–11)
 - + no rest day and night (Rev 14:11)
 - + eternal punishment (Matt 18:8; 25:41; Jude 7; Rev 14:11)

ETERNAL FIRE OR LAKE OF FIRE

Tartarus is probably cast along with Hades into the Lake of Fire (cf. Matt 25:41; Rev 20:14).

"And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death" (Rev 20:14).



ABYSS: NO GRACE AND EMPTY

+ pit + chains + door or hatch + lock + shaft + smoke + king Some demons, humans (Jesus, the Antichrist), and Satan were / are / will be in the Abvss (Luke 8:31; Rom 10:7; Eph 4:9; Rev 9:1-2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1-3).

TARTARUS: NO GRACE AND EMPTY

+ pits + chains + darkness Some fallen angels are chained in pits of darkness (2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6).