

## The Graces of a Christian #1 — COMPASSION

A Study on 2 Corinthians

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“Grace” is found in 2 Cor. 1:2, 12; 4:15; 6:1; 8:1, 6, 7, 9, 19; 9:8, 14; 12:9; 13:14

Definition: “A characteristic or quality pleasing for its charm or refinement... a sense of fitness or propriety.”

### 1. A compassionate Christian \_\_\_\_\_ others

1:3-11

### 2. A compassionate Christian \_\_\_\_\_ others

2:5-11

### 3. A compassionate Christian \_\_\_\_\_ others

2:12-3:18; 5:11-21

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## WHAT DOES A GRACE-FILLED CHRISTIAN LOOK LIKE?

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### CHRISTIAN GRACES #1 – Discussion Guide

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- What comes to your mind when someone is described as having “grace”? Make a list of characteristics a grace-full person possesses. Do you know of anyone who fits this bill? Who? How do you think they became that way? What qualities about this person would you most like to emulate?
- Have you ever tried to comfort someone who was going through a difficult time? How successful do you feel you were? Is it easier for you to comfort someone when you’ve already experienced what they’re going through? Why or why not?
- Have you ever found yourself having a “pity party” because no one was comforting you when you were going through a difficult time? What happened? How can we get our eyes off ourselves during our trials? What might God be trying to do in our lives by allowing us to suffer?
- Describe a time when someone extended grace to you by forgiving you for something you had done. How did it feel to be forgiven? Do you think some people withhold forgiveness as a means of punishing others? Is that a grace-full thing to do? How can we “forgive and forget” when someone has wronged us? What is the result when unforgiveness festers in our personal lives or in the life of the church?
- How compassionate are you toward the not-yet-saved? Why is it sometimes easier to condemn them than to have compassion on them? How can you change the way you view them?
- When we become Christians, what are some of the changes that should take place in our lives? Can you think of 3 changes God made in your life? What are they? Did they happen right away, or did they take a long time to come to fruition? Do you think most Christians today reflect the character of Christ? If not, why not? How would our witness in the world be affected if every person claiming to be a Christian allowed God’s grace to fill them and transform them?
- What is one thing you could do this week to develop compassion?