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## The Doctrine of Super Grace

James 4:6 *But He gives a greater grace. Therefore [it] says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*

The phrase *greater grace* refers to what we call *supergrace* when talking about a spiritually mature believer. Grace is all that God is free to do for man on the basis of Jesus Christ's salvation work on the cross. In blessing mankind, God must not in any way jeopardize or compromise any characteristic of His Divine essence. But God, in eternity past, found a way to bless mankind in time and throughout eternity. *Propitiation* is defined as God's satisfaction with the work of Christ on the cross; this work frees God to bless man under the Divine plan of grace. God is free to bless mankind because the work required for salvation has been accomplished and completed perfectly by Our Lord, John 19:30, *Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.* Now the grace and love of God are free to express themselves toward mankind without compromising His essence in any way. God provides a series of blessings for the believer that have absolutely nothing to do with human merit, ability, planning, thinking or energy.

God's categories of grace are as follows:

1. Saving grace, Ephesians 2:8-9, *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.* This is the work of the Trinity in eternity past; planned by God the Father, executed by God the Son, and revealed by God the Holy Spirit. Through saving grace, the new believer becomes a member of God's Royal Family for all eternity.

2. Logistical grace, Matthew 6:25-33, *"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, [as to] what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, [as to] what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and [yet] your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a [single] hour to his life? And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin; yet, I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is [alive] today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, [will He] not much more [clothe] you? You of little faith!*

*Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly*

*Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So, do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*" Logistical grace is all that the Trinity provides by way of power, security and provision to keep the believer alive in the devil's world, so that Divine objective can be achieved by the believer in the angelic conflict.

3. Supergrace, James 4:6, *But He gives a greater grace. Therefore [it] says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."* This is victory in the angelic conflict, or spiritual maturity. Supergrace is the provision of maximum blessing for the mature believer.

4. Ultra-Supergrace, 2 Timothy 2:10, *For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus [and] with [it] eternal glory;* 2 Timothy 3:11-12, *What persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.* The blessings of supergrace are both intensified and protected by God, even under the intensive pressure, persecution and attack from Satan. Moses and Paul are two illustrations of ultra-supergrace. Both of them reached ultra-supergrace and both experienced continual pressure and suffering. In fact, Moses endured 80 years of it. During their time of great pressure and suffering, they both received great blessing from the Lord. His grace provided each of them with perseverance, or the ability to undergo, to bear, to sustain opposition and criticism and annoyance, without giving up, and without giving in to either cowardice or self-pity.

5. Dying grace, Philippians 1:21, *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.* Dying grace takes place while passing from time into eternity, and it is a blessing even greater than the greatest blessings of time. It includes leaving behind great blessing by association to friends, loved ones and family members. Dying grace is the bridge between supergrace blessings for time and surpassing grace blessings for eternity.

6. Surpassing grace, Ephesians 2:7, *So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.* Surpassing grace includes blessing, awards and decorations for the mature believer, received at the Judgment Seat of Christ and lasting throughout all eternity.

Supergrace and ultra-supergrace are conditions of spiritual maturity, both related to the power of God, Ephesians 1:19, *And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.* Supergrace and ultra-supergrace are described as pursuing grace, Psalm 23:6, *Surely goodness and lovingkindness [grace and mercy] will follow me all the days of my life;* Ephesians 1:6, *To the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.* The blessings of both supergrace and ultra-supergrace are beyond human imagination, Ephesians 3:20-21, *Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him [be] the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.*

God is waiting to provide supergrace and ultra-supergrace blessings to the believer, Isaiah 30:18, *Therefore the Lord longs [is tapping His foot] to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him.*

In 1 Timothy 1:14, both are described as *abundant grace*: *And the grace of Our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are [found] in Christ Jesus.* Therefore, by definition, supergrace is the highest adult stage of spiritual life in the Royal Family of God. It is the place where the believer becomes qualified to increase his *abundant grace* to ultra-supergrace. It is the maximum glorification of Jesus Christ, by complementing His strategic victory in the angelic conflict with the mature believer's tactical victory. Supergrace is having the status of spiritual maturity, while ultra-supergrace is maximum growth and blessing combined with maximum suffering, which only intensifies the blessing.

Supergrace is the point at which the normal function of the royal priesthood and the production of Divine good begin in the believer's life. The Bible uses the following phrases to describe the supergrace believer:

1. Greater grace, James 4:6. This is the theological term, *meizona charin*, indicating victory in the angelic conflict, or spiritual maturity.

2. Chakmah. This Hebrew word means wisdom, and is the nomenclature for maximum Bible doctrine resident in the soul. From the standpoint of Bible doctrine, it refers to the supergrace life. In the Greek, the word is *epignosis*, meaning *above and beyond gnosis or knowledge*.

3. Altar of the Soul, Hebrews 13:10.

4. Edification Complex of the Soul, Ephesians 4:12, 16.

5. Eusebia. This sanctification synonym translated 'godliness' means to live the spiritual life, 1 Timothy 6:3-6, 2 Timothy 3:12, 2 Peter 1:3.

6. Salt, Matthew 5:13. The *salt of the earth* or the *salt of the land* is the supergrace believer or ultra-supergrace believer being a blessing by association to those around him.

7. *Take up your cross*, Matthew 10:38, Mark 8:34, Luke 9:23 and 14:27.

8. *Inner Ruler or Dictator of the Soul*, Ephesians 6:10. Bible doctrine is the inner dictator or the central control system in the soul of the mature believer.

There are also military synonyms for supergrace status: *One: Put on the full armor of God*, Ephesians 6:11-18. *Two: Running the race with endurance and Following the colors to the high ground*, Hebrews 12:1-2. *Three: Establishing a command post of the soul*, Colossians 2:5-8.

There are six categories of supergrace blessings available to the believer who has reached spiritual maturity:

Category One, Spiritual Blessings. Sharing the perfect happiness of God and occupation with the person of Christ [maximum category one love] are both evident in the supergrace believer. The supergrace believer has great capacity for life, love, happiness and blessing. Grace orientation, freedom orientation, authority orientation and common sense are all intensified. He retains a total sense of security, whether in prosperity or disaster.

Category Two, Temporal Blessings. These include wealth [either received or acquired], good health, and professional prosperity [leadership dynamics, success, promotion, or recognition on one's sphere of life].

Category Three, Blessing by Association. Those in the vicinity of a mature believer are blessed by their association or relationship to him. They are blessed either directly by God, or indirectly through the sharing of the supergrace believer, as a result of his overflow of supergrace blessings.

Category Four, Historical Blessing. The supergrace believer is on the right side of history, while the reversionist is on the wrong side. While the reversionist is caught up in historical disasters, and swept along with them, the supergrace believer rides on the crest of the wave of blessing.

Category Five, Undeserved Suffering. Only in time does God have the opportunity to provide us with pressure, disaster and undeserved suffering in order to prove to Satan and the fallen angels that Bible doctrine can handle any situation. God gives the believer the ability to not only handle suffering, but also to turn it into blessing, Romans 8:28, Deuteronomy 23:5. The supergrace believer's ability to handle undeserved suffering glorifies God and becomes evidence against Satan during his appeal trial. Undeserved suffering is also used to keep the believer's eyes on God and his focus on eternity, Revelation 2:10, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.

Category Six, Dying Grace. Every believer has a choice in time to either be positive toward Bible doctrine and experience dying grace, or be negative toward doctrine and die the sin unto death. For the supergrace believer, the curse of death with its pain and fear is removed, Hebrews 2:15, and dying becomes the greatest experience in life. Dying grace is the antithesis of the sin unto death. The perfect happiness of the supergrace believer in time is only exceeded by his perfect happiness in dying grace, Psalms 116:15, 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

Getting to supergrace is one thing, but retaining this objective is something else. In Philippians 3:12-14, we not only have the concept of retaining the objective but its implication in the field of ultra-supergrace status: *Not that I have already obtained [it] or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of*

*[it] yet; but one thing [I do]: forgetting what [lies] behind and reaching forward to what [lies] ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

There are two reasons why the objective of supergrace must be held: (1) to reach the further objective of ultra-supergrace; and (2) to enter into the blessings of dying grace as a supergrace or ultra-supergrace believer.

Supergrace must have top priority in the believer's scale of values. All human achievement and human good must be considered worthless when accomplished outside of the plan of God, apart from the filling of the Holy Spirit. Superstardom in the human realm counts as loss compared with reaching spiritual maturity.

1 John 4:19 teaches that the believer can love God with maximum love in time: *We love, because He first loved us.* However, no believer loves God until he first of all knows God. And no believer knows God until he has maximum Bible doctrine in his soul, thus attaining spiritual self-esteem. The supergrace believer has maximum love for God because he has maximum metabolized doctrine in his soul, which produces spiritual self-esteem, characterized by personal love for God, Ephesians 3:19, *And to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

In ultra-supergrace, there is constant opposition, pressure and persecution. For example, in Lamentations Chapter 3, we have Jeremiah, a supergrace and ultra-supergrace believer. He is one of the most famous because of the fact that his ultra-supergrace was always ignored, and yet he was the stabilizer in a disintegrating nation. There are three well-established cases of ultra-supergrace found in Scripture. One is Moses, who had intense blessing in national leadership, which was wrapped up in great pressure and persecution from Satan and his demons, plus from believers and unbelievers and even his family. Jeremiah had extreme blessing enshrouded in a mantle of pressure, persecution and opposition in old age, while the nation Israel was going out under the fifth cycle of discipline. He was a stabilizer for future generations. Paul, the greatest Bible teacher of all time, received maximum pressure from Satan, Acts 9:15-16.

And there are other familiar names in Scripture who never reached ultra-supergrace, but were still fantastic supergrace believers. One is Abraham, who received sexual prosperity that resulted in a new race, the Jews, as described in Genesis Chapter 17 and Romans Chapter 4. Joseph emphasized the promotional aspect of the supergrace believer by his great power and authority. Then there was David, who had supergrace promotion, prosperity, leadership, wealth and military success. Isaiah had fantastic Bible teaching. Daniel received great promotion and leadership outside the land of Israel.

The key to supergrace is sharing the perfect happiness (+H) of God. The same Bible doctrine that provides supergrace blessings also provides perfect happiness from God. The believer attains this +H from God when he reaches spiritual maturity in the predesigned plan of God, which is the top floor of the edification complex of the soul. Fulfillment of +H through the accumulation of Bible doctrine in the soul is the

entrance into the supergrace life, 1 John 4:4, *You are from God, little children, and have overcome them [those spirits not from God]; because greater is He Who is in you than he who is in the world.*

There is a relationship between supergrace blessings for time and eternal rewards and blessings received at the Judgment Seat of Christ, and dying grace is the link between the two, in that it bridges the gap. The sequence is saving grace, then logistical grace, then supergrace, then hopefully ultra-supergrace, then dying grace to surpassing grace. All of these are related; the believer is in God's grace plan and cannot get out of it.

The believer's attitude in time toward Bible doctrine is what determines his grace blessings in time and throughout eternity. In eternity past, God designed supergrace blessings for time and surpassing grace blessings for eternity. The believer cannot lose his salvation or his eternal life in Heaven, but he can lose his supergrace and surpassing grace blessings through negative volition toward Bible doctrine and his subsequent reversionism. Loss of supergrace blessings in time automatically means loss of surpassing grace blessings at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

The believer's attitude toward the daily intake of Bible doctrine is a determining factor in the angelic conflict. Bible doctrine is the means of glorifying God, while negative volition means loss of blessing in time and eternity; thus the importance of seizing and holding the high ground of supergrace.