



Ingleside Notes

The Sufficiency of God's Grace: Encouragement for the Trials and Troubles of Life

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God's grace is sufficient for me!

“grace” = Greek, *charis*; unmerited, undeserved _____

All that God _____ to us.

“the aid of the Holy Spirit, which comes to us from the unmerited favor of God; and it ought to be *sufficient* for the pious, inasmuch as it is a sure and invincible support against their ever giving way.” (John Calvin, *Commentary on 2 Corinthians*)

“sufficient” = adequate, enough, all we _____ to be content

1. God's grace is sufficient for my _____.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:8-10, ESV)

2. God's grace is sufficient for my _____.

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13, ESV)

3. God's grace is sufficient for my _____
_____.

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*When I acknowledge my own insufficiencies and weaknesses
I open the door to God's power flowing through my life.*

**4. God's grace is sufficient for any _____
I may experience specifically because I follow Jesus.**

¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:10, ESV)

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. . . .

²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. (Luke 6:22-23, 26, ESV)

**5. God's grace is sufficient for living and _____,
and is enough to see me all the way _____.**

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

5 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. (2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10, ESV)

God's grace is sufficient for me!

The ordinary means of grace . . .

- 1) Scripture
- 2) Prayer
- 3) Worship
- 4) Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- 5) Fellowship with other believers