

## Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,  
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



## Scripture

### Scriptures on grace, following from Sunday's sermon on Acts 15.

*Acts 15:11* We believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.

*Acts 20:32* Now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

*Romans 3:23-24* For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

*Romans 11:6* If it [God's choosing] is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

*II Corinthians 9:8* God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

*II Corinthians 12:8-9* Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

*Ephesians 2:4-10* God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*II Timothy 1:9* God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

*Titus 2:11-14* For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

*Hebrews 4:16* Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Song

*Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

### ***Grace Alone***

Every promise we can make,  
Every prayer and step of faith;  
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb,  
Every ray of hope we shine;  
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

*Refrain:* Grace alone which God supplies;  
Strength unknown He will provide.  
Christ in us, our cornerstone,  
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach,  
Every heart we hope to teach;  
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.  
Every loving word we say,  
Every tear we wipe away;  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

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## Prayer

*II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

**"Grace Active"** A prayer from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions*  
Lord Jesus, Great High Priest,

You have opened a new and living way by which a fallen creature can approach you with acceptance. Help me to contemplate the dignity of your Person, the perfectness of your sacrifice, the effectiveness of your intercession.

O what blessedness accompanies devotion, when under all the trials that weary me, the cares that corrode me, the fears that disturb me, the infirmities that oppress me, I can come to you in my need and feel peace beyond understanding!

The grace that restores is necessary to preserve, lead, guard, supply, help me. And here your saints encourage my hope; they were once poor and are now rich, bound and are now free, tried and now are victorious.

Every new duty calls for more grace than I now possess, but not more than is found in you, the divine Treasury in whom all fullness dwells. To you I repair for grace upon grace, until every void made by sin be replenished and I am filled with all your fullness. May my desires be enlarged and my hopes be emboldened, that I may honor you by my entire dependency and the greatness of my expectation.

Be with me, and prepare me for all the smiles of prosperity, the frowns of adversity, the losses of substance, the death of friends, the days of darkness, the changes of life, and the last great change of all.

May I find your grace sufficient for all my needs. In your name alone, I pray. Amen.