

# THE ANALYSIS OF THE FOUNDATION OF OUR SALVATION: GOD'S GRACE

*Scripture Reading:*

**Ephesians 1:1-6**

# INTRODUCTION

The absolute necessity of a proper foundation is illustrated in Matthew 7:24-27

The foundation of a building makes ALL the difference its stability and endurance!



The foundation for the believer's salvation is Jesus Christ and His death on the cross for our sins and His bodily resurrection our from the dead = 1 Cor 3:11

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This salvation was provided and applied to those who believe the gospel by God's grace = Eph 2:8

The totality of every facet of our position in Christ (i.e. "holy", "blameless" Eph 1:4) is based on God's grace – Eph 1:6

**God's grace : what is it, and how did it come into existence?**

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GOD'S  
ATTRIBUTE  
OF LOVE**

- God's **love** is one of His seven **eternal attributes** = the seven eternal characteristics of God which constitute the basis of all His actions
  - **Love**
  - **Holy**
  - **Righteous**
  - **Good**
  - **Omnipotence**
  - **Omniscience**
  - **Truth**


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(continued)

- **Definition of love:** “The desire for, and delight in, the well-being of the object loved even to the point of self-sacrifice if necessary” HLS
- I Jn 3:16-18 - by Christ laying down His life for us
- I Jn 4:8-10 – demonstrated by the gift of His Son
  - I Cor 13:6-8a
- Love between the persons of the Godhead was/is always deserved!

**THE  
SECOND  
STEP  
TOWARD  
GRACE IS  
KINDNESS,  
AN ASPECT  
OF GOD'S  
LOVE**

**(1 Cor 13:6-8a)**

Rom 2:4 – God's kindness leads  
an unbeliever to repentance



Definition of God's kindness: "A  
sweetness of temperament  
(attitude and behavior) that keep  
from giving pain or offense to  
another and can cause another  
to be at ease". HLS

**THE RESULT  
OF GOD'S  
LOVE AND  
KINDNESS:  
GRACE**

- Definition of God's grace :
  - “**Grace** is simply love directed at an undeserving object **AFTER** the righteous and holy God has been satisfied” HLS (cf Eph 2:7)

# CONCLUSION

- Our salvation is **FOUNDED** upon God's grace (His love directed toward us as undeserving objects) **AFTER** His righteousness and holiness were completely satisfied by the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ
- This grace was provided for us **IN CHRIST** before the foundation of the universe -- Eph 1:3-4,6