

# **Evident Grace**

(Part 3 II Corinthians 8:5-9)

*“There is a magnificent Greek word used 155 times in the New Testament. That word is charis, translated ‘grace’. It means a favor bestowed. It means a generous benefit freely given. The sense of it in the New Testament is that it means a favor bestowed by God through His power to transform a person’s life starting at salvation and going on from there. Grace is a dynamic force, a dynamic and benevolent power that applies the goodness of God and the resources of God to our lives to save us, to keep us, to enable us, to deliver us, to sanctify us, to glorify us. All of God’s good favors to His children are given through the means of this benevolent goodness called grace.”*

*— M. Harris*



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- Ministers need to be stretched.  
(I Corinthians 10:31)



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- In all virtues.



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- In one sense, *agapē* is always a test of heart.

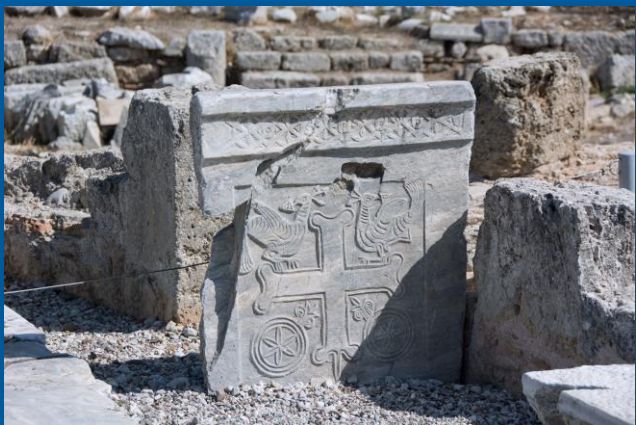




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8. Exhibited in the cross. (vs 9)

*“Tucked away in this very practical, pragmatic section of the discussion of giving is a profound doctrinal treasure. Like 5:21, this verse is a Christological gem of incalculable value, a many-faceted diamond that far outshines all the other jewels around it. The wonder of this verse is captivating. Its vast scope, profundity, and impact transcend the simplicity of the twenty-one Greek words that comprise it. Its truth is not couched in technical theological language; its words are not complex or confusing. And though its message may be grasped in one reading, the truth it contains may not be fully comprehended throughout eternity. It describes Christ’s descent from riches to poverty so that believers might ascend from poverty to riches.” — J. MacArthur*



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- “Here we have the whole drama of redemption that defines grace giving at its purest level.” – D.A. Carson