

# “THE PURIFYING POWER OF LIVING BY FAITH IN... FUTURE GRACE”

## **Study Guide**

### II. Free and Future Grace

#### Chapter 5 The Freest of All God's Acts

#### **Defining Grace and Mercy**

1. Give the common definitions of grace and mercy. What do they show?

#### **Grace Before the Fall**

2. Explain how Adam and Eve lived on grace prior to sin. Was this past/future or both? Explain

3. How was their disobedience a breach of trust in God's love and a forsaking of the faith in future grace? How do we do the same in our everyday lives?

#### **Every Act of Grace an Act of Mercy**

4. Explain your understanding of all of God's acts of grace also being acts of mercy and all of his acts of mercy being grace?

5. How can the angle of the view change your perspective?

6. As we have discussed earlier, not EVERY PRINCIPLE carries out in scripture EVERY time. This is one of those. How should we then view it? Why?

#### **Grace Looks More Free than Mercy**

7. Explain what Piper is trying to say about the freeness of grace in this section. It may be hard to process but the last 2 sentences will help a lot. Do you understand how it is freer than mercy after having read this passage?

#### **Free, Unmerited, Conditional Grace**

If grace being freer than mercy was a hard concept for you, try this one on.

8. Earned grace is an oxymoron. So how do you explain scriptures that place conditions on grace? Isn't that nullifying grace? Why or why not?

### **To Be God is to be Free**

9. Why is God's declaration to Moses in Exodus 33:19 and Paul's using of it in Romans 9 good news? What limits God's being able to work in any situation?

### **Life-Giving Grace is Free Grace**

10. God looked in mercy and saw we were dead and had pity, "mercy" on us per Ephesians 2:4. How can this be grace if it is pity/mercy driven? [Hint - can a dead person meet a condition?] So this free grace brought dead spiritual vessels to miraculous \_\_\_\_\_. Put this into your own words.

### **Electing Grace is Free Grace**

This really goes back to "To Be God is to Be Free"

11. Explain how an election of works would make grace earned. Can God's grace be an election of His choosing but based on works? Why/why not?

### **The Inexhaustible God and the Freedom of Grace**

12. What are the two astonishing things in this section? How can you rely on them this week?

### **Glory is Duly Praised Where Grace is Duly Prized**

13. As this chapter wraps up to close and go into the application chapter, we find that when we prize and praise God's future grace we will practically nullify the power of \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. How do you see this working out?