

DOCTRINE OF LIVING GRACE

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- I. Definition: living grace is all that God has to do to keep the believer alive in Phase 2, in the devil's world, so that said believer can seize and hold maturity (i.e. nothing depends on me). It is one of the five categories of grace.
- II. Living grace includes:
 - A. Air to breath, Gen.1:6-8.
 - B. Food, shelter, clothing, Gen.28:20.
 - C. Protection from both seen and unseen enemies, Gen.32:1,2.
 - D. Another day to live, Ps.118:24.
 - E. Laws of divine establishment (volition, right man/right woman, family, nations).
 - F. GAP (the grace apparatus for perception), Bible Doctrine, and a Pastor-Teacher.
- III. Living grace depends on God's sovereignty and not human volition.
 - A. The provision came before the believer's need).
 - B. Jesus Christ controls history and issues living grace as it is needed, Mt.6:8
- IV. The believer is commanded to pray for living grace "*Give us this day our daily bread.*"
- V. The believer is commanded not to worry about living grace, Mt.6:25-34
- VI. Living grace will be tested.
 - A. Economic catastrophe, Gen.12:10; 15:1.
 - B. Military catastrophe, Gen.32:16.
 - C. Loss of your job, Ps.91.
- VII. God provides living grace for both the reversionist and the mature believer, Mt.5:45
- VIII. Unusual cases where God provided living grace.
 - A. The 2.5 million Jews in the wilderness, Ex.16.
 - B. Water for Samson.
 - C. Elijah in the wilderness.
- IX. God withdraws living grace in the administration of the sin unto death (i.e. the Jews in 586BC and 70AD).
- X. Living grace does not depend on giving. You cannot bribe God, Gen.28:18-22; 32:17.
- XI. The reversionist consistently fails the living grace test (i.e. the Exodus generation).
- XII. There are two possible reactions when living grace is tested. In either case, you will receive living grace unless it is the sin unto death.
 - A. You trust God for it, Heb.13:6
 - B. You test God for it, Heb.3:7-10.
- XIII. God is glorified when He provides living grace to the believer, Ex.16.
- XIV. The reversionist tests God for living grace, while the mature believer trusts God for living grace, Ex.17:2,7; Num.14:22; Ps.78:14,41,56; 95:9; Heb.3:9; Num.14:22.