

TRUE GRACE

1 Peter 5:12



DEFINING GRACE

- We want to understand the baseline definition of words.
- “Unmerited favor” is the common definition that is given.
- That doesn’t work in several places where this word is used (Lk. 2:52; 6:32-34; Rom. 7:25).
- Once we trace this word to the Old Testament, the difficulty grows (Gen. 6:8; 33:8; Ruth 2:13; Lev. 2).
- The idea ends up being a kind or favorable attitude or action toward someone.
- Another element seems to be that of a gift (Rom. 4:4).

TWO-PARTY TRANSACTION

- It can be asked for, but not demanded (Gen. 33:8).
- It can be given but overlooked (Matt. 5:45; Rom. 2:4).
- It can be offered and rejected (Tit. 2:12).
- Both parties can accept the terms (1 Tim. 1:12-15).