IDENTITY

> What explains me or describes me, does not define me, only God defines me.

## FIVE KINDS OF GRACE GOD GIVES ME.

The concept of grace can be present [in Scripture] and often is, even when these and related words are absent. ~Peter Enns

God's Grace theologically [is] ... his "sovereign unmerited favor given to those who deserve his wrath." ~John Frame

- Romans 9:15
- 1. God gives me the grace of \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- ➤ In Adam, I have to sin; I cannot not sin.
- Acts 17:25, Ezekiel 18:20-24, Psalm 103:8, 2 Peter 3:9
- 2. God gives me \_\_\_\_\_ grace.

[Common grace] is every favour of whatever kind or degree, falling short of salvation, which this undeserving and sin-cursed world enjoys at the hand of God. ~John Murray

Luke 6:35

The weather – Matthew 5:45

My physical and mental abilities – Deuteronomy 8:17-18 ESV

My conscience - Romans 1:21, 2:15

Restraining evil - 2 Thessalonians 2:7

Everything - 1 Corinthians 4:7

The [saving] grace of God is love freely shown towards guilty sinners, contrary to their merit ... It is God showing goodness to persons who deserve only severity and who had no reason to expect anything but severity. ~J. I. Packer

[Saving] grace is never cheap. It is absolutely free to us, but infinitely expensive to God. ~Jerry Bridges

- Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 Peter 2:24. Ephesians 1:7
- > Saving grace is so expensive, it cost God's Only Son.
- > Saving grace should astound us! Saving grace should amaze us! Saving grace should cause us to be in awe!
- 4. God gives me \_\_\_\_\_ grace.

For the unknowns - Isaiah 41:10

For the unexpected – Deuteronomy 31:8

For when it is more than I can handle – 2 Corinthians 4:7-9, 12:9

- > If God never gave me more than we could handle, I would never need God.
- ➤ God never gives me more than I can handle with His help and by His grace.
- God's grace to me should result in my praise to God.
- 5. God gives me \_\_\_\_\_ grace.

[Freely bestowed, lavished, abundant or extravagant correctly leave the impression that words fail in attempting to describe the inexhaustible resources of God's grace. ~Adapted from Andrew T. Lincoln

• Ephesians 3:20, 2 Corinthians 9:8, John 1:16

