

# GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

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## Sustaining Grace

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Psalm 145:8

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6

Sustaining Grace is the \_\_\_\_\_ to keep on going  
when I feel like giving up.

"My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that the grace of God is with you no matter what happens."

1 Peter 5:12

## God's Sustaining Grace Helps Me Keep Standing When I Am:

I) \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith... 1 Peter 5:8-9a
- B. No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

II) \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 (NIV)
- B. It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- C. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Genesis 6:8 (NKJV)
- D. "For God is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve His purpose."  
Philippians 2:13

III) \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33
- B. "So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid because I am your God. I will make you strong. I will help you. I will support you with My right hand that saves you." Isaiah 41:10 (NCV)
- C. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1 (NIV)

### To Receive God's Sustaining Grace, I:

I) Call out for God's \_\_\_\_\_.

But God gives us even more grace, as the Scripture says, "God is against the proud, but he gives grace to the humble." So give yourselves completely to God. Stand against the devil, and the devil will run from you. Come near to God, and God will come near to you... James 4:6-8a (NCV)

II) Fill my mind with God's \_\_\_\_\_.

I am completely discouraged—I lie in the dust. Revive me by your Word. Psalm 119:25 (TLB)

III) Accept support from God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

IV) Hold on to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

A. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:29-31 (NIV)

B. <sup>18</sup> "So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:18

<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NIV)