

# The Introduction to Grace: Luke 5

## Luke 5:12-15

**While He was in one of the cities, behold, *there was* a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” <sup>13</sup> And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” And immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup> And He ordered him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” <sup>15</sup> But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear *Him* and to be healed of their sicknesses.**

The word **grace** is *charis* in the original language. It is often translated as gift or thanks

- we sometimes use the word grace for prayer
- Paul opened most of his letters with grace and peace to you
- The word means favor.

- (1) It is used as the avenue which God saves us
  - salvation is considered a gift from God (2 Cor 9:15; Eph 2:8)
  - John 1:14 says that Jesus is full of grace and truth
  - Heb 4:16 Jesus sits upon the throne of Grace

- (2) Grace is God’s c\_\_\_\_\_
- The Lord doesn’t “owe” us any favors

- (3) Grace c\_\_\_\_\_ our lives (Titus 2:11-13)

How does the “medical” Luke bring a detail to this story?

Two things are out of place in this story. What are they?

How is the faith of this leper described?

In Mark’s account (1:40-44) what led Jesus to heal this man?

What are the components of grace in this story?

What Parallels do you see between Leprosy and Sin:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



Why does Matthew 9:9 call this man "Matthew" and not Levi? Was his name changed?

What was the occasion for the party at Levi's house?

What other time was Jesus accused of eating with sinners?

What was the second issue the Pharisees had at this party?

What is the old and the new talking about?

How does this section show the grace of God?

What would this account mean to a Gentile?

### Luke 5:27-39

After that He went out and noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me."<sup>28</sup> And he left everything behind, and got up and *began* to follow Him.<sup>29</sup> And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax collectors and other *people* who were reclining *at the table* with them.<sup>30</sup> The Pharisees and their scribes *began* grumbling at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?"<sup>31</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them, "*It is* not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick."<sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."<sup>33</sup> And they said to Him, "The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the *disciples* of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink."<sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, "You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?"<sup>35</sup> But *the* days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days."<sup>36</sup> And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old."<sup>37</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined."<sup>38</sup> But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins."<sup>39</sup> And no one, after drinking old *wine* wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good *enough*.'"

