

Today's verse says that the grace of God was upon Jesus. The Bible also says that where sin abounds, grace abounds much more. (Romans 5:20) When you put the two together, you may find yourself asking, "If the grace of God was upon Jesus, does it mean that He sinned?" No, Jesus did not sin (2 Corinthians 5:21), so there must be another explanation as to why God's grace was upon Jesus. There must be another reason why someone can abound in God's grace even when he has not sinned.

Let's look at the word "grace" when it is first mentioned in the Bible. Genesis 6:8 says that "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Noah's name means "rest", so the verse is telling us that rest found grace. In other words, when you rest, you find grace! So grace was upon Jesus because His life was a life of rest and trust in His Father. He said, "The Son can do nothing of Himself. He can do only what He sees His Father doing." (John 5:19) Likewise, grace comes upon you when you rest and trust God. Once you have prayed about a problem and handed it over to Jesus, He *can* and *will* do a perfect work of taking care of it for you!

So live a life of rest. Have this attitude and tell the Lord, "I can do nothing of myself. I just rest in You Lord, and I trust You completely." Then, what you will see is the grace of God upon you in every area of your life!

Luke 2:40 "And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him."