

UNDESERVED KINDNESS/ KHARIS UNMERITED FAVOR

What is undeserved kindness? Well the word undeserved mean it cannot be earned, it is something given us that we don't deserve. Most things in this life has to be earned from respect to wealth. When we earn something we deserve a payment for our work, and when we don't get it, it becomes and injustice.

(The New Testament in the Language of the People by Charles B. Williams reads:

"For it is by his unmerited favor(Greek: KHARIS)through faith that you have been saved; it is not by anything that you have done, it is the gift of God."- italics and words in brackets ours.)

But when we received some thing as undeserved it is a kindness based on another love for us, by their own goodness. A good person may see someone that has fallen into a state of poverty and help them, it may or may not depend upon the person good quality it can be that the giver knows it is the right thing to help, and shows the person a kindness.

Understanding the condition of undeserved kindness is the key to having faith and pleasing God, without this simply and yet complex truth of God's undeserved kindness one cannot come to know God's love.

It is much the same as standing at a cross road, one road leads us to all other understanding of God, while the other road leads us into darkness, where we find religious confusion on all levels by the works of the flesh instead of walking in spirit and truth.

Sadly, both roads have much in common they both require faith to be upon, but the end result of being on the wrong road is a life of self-righteousness whereas the correct road is a road of Christ Jesus righteousness.

One ends in life and the other in death.

WORKING FOR UNDESERVED KINDNESS

Many Christian work for the undeserved kindness of God, they accept Christ Jesus as their savior and then step upon the road of proving themselves by good works, (good work mean works performed because of God righteous laws), they feel God has blessed them with the gift of life in Christ Jesus, now it is their obligation to prove they have received the gift by obeying laws, God's laws, or that of some religion.

Ephesians 2:9 not of works, that no one would boast.

This thinking is most human based upon the sin in us which demands that we prove ourselves in all endeavors of this life. We feel from personal experience that God is like us, and His love is like our own love, and we demand proof of a person love by obeying some rule, or laws we hold as righteous. This inclination is so strong in us, it is much like trying to change the grain of a tree, which simply cannot be done, the tree would have to be replaced with another tree with a different grain to do so.

Ecclesiastes 7:16 Don't be overly righteous, neither make yourself overly wise. Why should you destroy yourself?

By obeying certain words, or doctrine does not change the facts the tree is the same tree with the same grain. The person falling into poverty can only show appreciation for the gift of undeserved kindness, they can work real hard to never fall into poverty again, but the gift is still good rather it is acted upon or not. In other words, to work hard not to fall into poverty agains, never earns the person the gift given them freely, we may show appreciation for the free gift, but it does not at some point we can say; "I have earned this gift finally, so now the person giving it owes me the gift, so I stand on my own two feet before them".

2 Corinthians 9:15 Now thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!

However, most Christian today do just that, you hear them say: "I am

working really hard to be a good Christians”. As though at some point they will finally earn their eternal life by good works.

FAITH IN WHAT? THE TURNING POINT

The question most Christians never confront is faith in what? Again most will say God and Christ Jesus, but what does it mean to put faith in God and Christ Jesus? Some will list a whole bunch of rules found in their group, other will say just believe in Christ Jesus. The key to real faith is trust based upon love for God, but what must we trust God in?

The gift of His undeserved kindness through Christ Jesus too us, here is the key to real faith. So to have real faith we must “rest” in God's love for us, which is a gift of undeserved kindness, we must grow, in our trust and love for this grand and indescribable gift of God's love.

Romans 3:28 We maintain therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Romans 5:2 through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Some believe faith is proving oneself by good works, when in fact, it is resting from proving oneself by good work in God's love. Why is this a turning point? First let us discuss two issues Christian's believe 1.) if your a Christian's you should prove your a Christian's by your good works, and 2.) our good works comes from our own will, in other words, we make ourselves do good towards others.

What if some one was to tell you that good fruit on a tree had to make it self into good fruit, would you believe it? Good fruit on a tree does not have a personal well, neither do the branches of the tree, the tree does the work through a number of processes from the roots to the leafs in producing the right sap to produce good fruit. The fruit are depended upon the tree, if it is a good tree it will produce good fruit.

Matt.7:17 Even so, every good tree produces good fruit; but the corrupt tree produces evil fruit.

7:18 A good tree can't produce evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce good fruit.

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer.

15:2 Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, he takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:5 I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

So the question each Christian's must ask themselves are they the tree or the fruit on the tree, is the fruit theirs own fruit, or the tree's? Starting at this point changes our whole understanding of God and our relationship with Him and other Christian's, it also helps us to now understanding resting in God, but resting in what?

CHRIST JESUS THE GOOD FRUIT TREE

The fruit tree has one will in it, the will, or life of the tree, which forces growth into all the tree, and drives each branch into its purpose, which is to produce fruit. All Christian's are grafted into Christ Jesus as the good fruit tree, each one of us are, but a branch on the good fruit tree, our purpose is the will of Christ Jesus, or the tree, Christ produces good fruits in us when we trust in him, or rest in God.

If we fail to trust in God that Christ Jesus will produce good fruit in us, then it is up to our own good works that we must please God, and we cannot, it is impossible, but why? Simply put, it is Christ Jesus righteousness, and his alone that produces the everlasting fruits we are created too produce.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption:

TWO TYPES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

There are but two types of righteousness according to God, both righteousness were created by God for mankind, 1.) one, was the Old Law, this law was given to mankind, exposing them as sinners. It is the perfect law governing everlasting life for mankind, but because we are sinner we cannot meet it's standards. 2.) two, Is the righteousness of Christ Jesus, he lived as a perfect man under the Laws righteousness completing it in love, thus his righteousness replaced the Old Laws righteousness.

Here is another key to understanding the gift of undeserved kindness, if the State government removed a stop sign, and you disobeyed the stop sign, which not longer exist, you will not pay the penalty for running the stop sign. It would not matter if people start blaming each others for not stopping, it would make no difference with the laws of the land.

It would not make any difference if people felt they were a better person for stopping, it would make no difference with the law of the land. When Christian's try to live under the Old Law or it's principles it does not matter Christ Jesus completed and removed the stop sign the Old Law. There is only one righteousness left and that is the righteousness of Christ Jesus.

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the fulfillment{or, completion, or end} of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

RECEIVING CHRIST JESUS RIGHTEOUSNESS

The righteousness of Christ Jesus cannot be earned it is a free gift, it is a true undeserved kindness of God's love why? Simply put we exist in death without it, we could not meet the Old Law because its' standard were for perfect life, without sin, so God had mercy on us and gave us a gift of His love in the name of Jesus Christ.

Without Jesus giving up his perfect life for us, we could not receive this precious gift of his righteousness that covers us in God's love. God removed the stop sign, the Old Law, so we are now sinless in His eyes through the righteousness of Christ Jesus, we are no longer condemned

as sinners, even though we sin, we are not convicted, because the stop sign was removed. Once again we come upon a key to understanding undeserved kindness. It is by our faith that we receive the gift of Christ Jesus righteousness, so what is faith, it is trust in God gift, and resting in that gift instead of proving we are righteous by our good works.

Rom.8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. {NU omits "who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit"}

The Old Law could never bring a person to it's righteousness so they could earn everlasting life by it, it was ineffective in removing our sins, so it was but temporary solution until the real solution for complete removal of our sin came in Christ Jesus the person of our everlasting salvation.

Hebrews 7:19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

HAVING SIN, BUT NO SIN

Here again is a key to understanding the undeserved kindness of God in Christ Jesus. We have sin, but we don't have sin in God's eyes because of his gift of Christ Jesus righteousness imputed to us freely. However, we have sin, and sin daily, there are some Christian's who believe we must be punished by the Old Law, or at least some rules of their group to keep a person in line. This thinking is because we are fleshly, and know that nothing is free in our world, and that we must earn it.

But let Christian's be mindful here God will not nullify Christ Jesus righteousness because of what you think according to rules of laws. Which means He will not put the stop sign up again after removing it because you want to prove your sorry for your sins, or that you want to punish someone else for their sins, but why?

James 2:12 So speak, and so do, as men who are to be judged by a law of freedom.

2:13 For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

A God of Righteousness Who Removes Sin in Love

Here is another key to understanding God's undeserved kindness towards us. There is a justice of the law, and there is also a justice in love, which is greater, to answer this we must listen to God, who tells us love never fails, but all other things will fail.

1 Corinthians 13:8a Love never fails.

Justice of the law means death, God's law justice requires He condemns, convicts, and punishes us for our sins, which is death. But love justice means God removes our sins by removing the law, so justice according to love will not allow God to change His promises in Christ Jesus too us. Yes, it is true even if as Christian's we cannot fully understand it. But some will retort, if people aren't judged for their sin, then they will use it for an excuse too sin!

Acts 2:30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne.

Romans 4:14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of no effect.

Galatians 3:22 But the Scriptures imprisoned all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

But is this true, has God made a mistake in trusting in the highest law of love over the righteousness of the Old Law?

WRITING THE LAW OF LOVE IN OUR HEARTS

God wants us to obey Him out of love, really isn't that what was lost? Adam and Eve failed to show love for God that failure was missing the

mark of love, which is perfect life so sin enter into them and death through their sins. God did not create man to rule over each other as god's through institutions, He created them to live in love under His rulership.

People that love God do not generally sin because they are evil and want to sin, they fall short because of their sin. On the other hand, those set upon evil want to sin for pleasure, it is their natural desire to do bad, whereas, Christian's natural desire is to do good, but why?

For a number of reason, but mostly because God upon accepting us as His Children writes His law of love into our hearts, so where there is a natural desire for us to do good. Moreover, we are given a new heart and a new spirit from the new heart. Now our natural inclination is to serve God in love.

Jeremiah 31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yahweh: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezekiel 11:19 I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another.

Colossians 3:10 and have put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge after the image of his Creator.

God is love, and because He is love, He puts faith in love knowing it will not fail us when we learn of His undeserved kindness towards us.

SINNING AGAINST LOVE

Because the law is removed in Christ Jesus when we sin we now sin against the law of love, so how are our sin atone for? Once again a key

to understanding God undeserved kindness in Jesus Christ, it is by our faith in God's love, which is Jesus Christ. Now it is God's love that covers a multitude of sins, Christ Jesus shed his precious blood once for all time in removing our sin by removing the law so we cannot be convict of them by the righteousness of the law.

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins.

This is why we are told without faith we cannot please God, where indeed would our sins go if we failed to have faith in God's love? Once more a key to understanding God's undeserved kindness in Christ Jesus. We find ourselves in a sinless standing before God by the righteousness of Christ Jesus, because we are sinless before God, the sinless life of Christ Jesus work through us in this state producing fruits of God's Holy Spirit.

FRUITS A GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now Christian's should understand the real undeserved kindness of God, in that, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is faith, we are given the faith of the body, which is Christ Jesus. In other words, we are not expect to produce enough faith to get life and please God, God gives us enough faith as He pleases to overcome this world into life.

Let us remember all that we need as a branch on the good tree of Christ Jesus is supplied to us by a gift of God's Holy Spirit, in this, we cannot boast in ourselves for our faith, or for that matter all other good works in us which are produced from the tree of Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think reasonably, as God has apportioned to each person a measure of faith.

Many Christian's spend most of their lives boasting in good works they have done, they are always trying to out shine others, or defending themselves as good or being better than others. But boasting in ourselves, is boasting in sin, but why?

Simply put, for us as a Christian's, our own works were put to death in Christ Jesus, and we were raised up in him for his good works through us. We are created by God's will as a "new creation" for His will, it is now our purpose in life to produce fruits of everlasting life for others. To boast outside of the good fruit tree is to take credit for something that is dead works, and which no longer exist in us.

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who makes you different? And what do you have that you didn't receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

HUMILITY OF THE BODY

Christ Jesus had a humility, godly humility, he knew his Father was love, knowing this he understood love does not take away from its giver. Love produces only good, it is light, and life, where darkness of sins condition does not exist.

In other words, Christ Jesus knew what Adam and Eve failed to know, that evil from sin does not rest in God. God's love does not harm it does good, God's love is not a competition where one wrangles trying to take something by fights. Christ knew if people could live in love, then each person would contribute to the life of the whole, and no deprivation from sins evil would exist to take away from life.

Christ Jesus rested in humility, knowing God could do no bad towards him, if God created it, it was good, and it would produce certain fruits of life for others. Position and glory need not be sought, because love is content in God's love, there nothing missing as though a deprivation existed creating a lusting for greater position somehow would make one happier, or one would gain more respect.

***1Cor.13:4 Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud,
13:5 doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil;
13:6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;***

***1Cor.13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things.
13:8 Love never***

Instead Christ Jesus came into a world where position, greed and power is the life blood of bad tree producing fruits of death. Christ Jesus humility was from his love for His Father Jehovah God. He perfectly maintained this humility onto death. He did not maintained his humility for a greater position, or to be worship at some future date, he did not give his life for us for future position of glory, no! Christ Jesus was content in his love for his Father and his Fathers love for him.

James 4:6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." {Proverbs 3:34}

James 4:16 But now you glory in your boasting. All such boasting is evil.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and don't lie against the truth.

3:15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic.

3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed.

Christ Jesus knew that His Father would share His love with all seeking Him, and God's love could not fail, it is the law of life governing all thing existing in eternal life, moreover, it was the law Adam and Eve walked away from producing sins laws causing all the problems for the human race.

We as Christian's must understand we cannot muster this type of humility from ourselves, Christ humility is one more gift given too us by God's undeserved kindness. When we sins it bring us into pride of self, we then are open to Satan attacks. But when we humble ourselves God's Spirit fills our hearts and at that moment we have the humility of Christ righteousness covering us.

But how can we humble ourselves under provocation? We do so by letting go, that is, forgiving, turning the other cheek, giving up our legal rights, letting go of our material things, and praying for our enemy in the love of God, where Christ Jesus humility exist in abundance for us.

Can we do this? Not of ourselves, we can do it in Christ Jesus humility, we can gain his humility in our resting in his righteousness, and not our own. Moreover, we stay in Christ righteousness when we remember that it is undeserved kindness given too us in God's love.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

3:18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

LETTING GO OF SELF

What does it mean letting go of self, some may think it means submitting to the laws of a group, or to another person, but they would be wrong, and foolish in doing so. God's authority is not controlling, God's authority is love, it gives and does not take away, His love produces freedom, and bring us acceptance without condemnation. This is where the real power of God's undeserved kindness is in Christ Jesus by resting in faith.

James 2:12 So speak, and so do, as men who are to be judged by a law of freedom.

Where we come to know God's love, then the more we come to trust Him as good, once we come to this point of not being deceived, by are own evil thoughts and believe that God is only good, we let go more and more of our rights, but we are not forced, or punished into accepting God's love.

James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of freedom, and continues, not being a hearer who forgets, but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does.

Here again is a hard point for Christian's to understand, but indeed it is the difference in our staying in God's undeserved kindness, or walking away from it, and in claiming the evil of sins law through hard-lines of some groups doctrine. Our ways are death as human, we cannot come into the kingdom of the Son's love by our sinful thoughts, we must be translated from evil thoughts into love, by Christ own love working in us.

Our sinful thoughts are our own judgments, which come back upon us, as discipline. Where we wrongly concluded it is God's righteous judgment by His law we will be deceived, but why? Because it is not true, God removed the law and its judgment in Christ Jesus so we can no longer sin against the Old law if we are His in Christ Jesus. if we were under the Old Law we would be in death, and not in the life of Christ Jesus where there is no law in love.

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God can't be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one.

1:14 But each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.

1:15 Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.

Here is where we can deceived ourselves into thinking God is both good and evil, that is, the laws of sin are mixed with the laws of love. Thus, concluding God uses both laws in disciplining His children which simply is not true.

James 1:16 Don't be deceived, my beloved brothers.

1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow.

It is our own judgments and thoughts that we are judged by. And this is why Christ Jesus said, "Stop judging, and you will not be judged". As Christian's we are under God's undeserved kindness in Christ without condemnation, or judgment, however, our sinful nature tells us we are

being judge by God for our evil by the righteousness of the Old Law. When in fact, it is our own judgments we are receiving as condemnation and punishment disciplining us to walk in love so we can stop judging by laws of sin.

Job 34:12 Yes surely, God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert justice.

Ezekiel 36:31 Then you shall remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

This is why as God's children we must remember not to be deceived in thinking God is evil, there is only good from God for those under undeserved kindness in Christ Jesus as His children. We are not under the laws of sin, where evil is sin, and sin is controlled by law, Moreover, where God's righteous laws condemn us as sinners. We are under loves law where our sins have been removed, and evil does not exist, that is, all sin is evil, and God has removed the Stop sign, the law judging us as evil for sinning replacing it with loves law. God is love, so laws of sin do not apply to Him, thus there is no evil with God, or sins laws judging evil in Him, He is love and we are in His love by Christ Jesus.

Psalms 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of the loving kindness of Yahweh.

Does this mean if we could stop judging we would live in peace without suffering? No! Christ Jesus suffered, not because of his own sin, but that of others, moreover, he suffered because of wicked spirit testing him and attacking him and those he was around. We simply cannot carry the righteousness of Christ shining as the light of the world without being attacked by spirit of darkness, the two are opposed and at war with one another.

Philippians 1:29 Because it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer on his behalf.

2 Timothy 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

THE POWER OF UNDESERVED KINDNESS

The power of undeserved kindness stand in our faith, but why? Simply put, when we understand we cannot make ourselves worthy of God's love, and we can never earn God's love, that His love is an undeserved kindness, which is a gift from His love, and His own goodness, we have a power in freedom that cannot be overcome by anything in us, or others found under the darkness of the world and its ruler.

Romans 5:17 For if by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; so much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.

In other words, we are saying that nothing rests upon my own love and goodness, so when I fail, when I sin, and when I hate myself, it does not matter one whit, because Christ Jesus' righteousness covers me. So I don't have to prove myself, I can rest in God's own goodness in Christ Jesus as my justification, instead of my own good efforts.

Romans 3:24 being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 4:4 For I know nothing against myself. Yet I am not justified by this, but he who judges me is the Lord.

Titus 3:7 that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

With this understanding will keep us on the good fruit tree, and we began to understand Christ's words as living words, and not dead works found upon paper written thousands of years ago, and interpreted by doctrines of some groups' faith.

Thus, when Christ tells us, not too be anxious about material things, we now have come to know Christ as living in us, that God's love cannot fail us because of his worthy life in us, we actually can rest in Christ Jesus, knowing as the living word he will provide us the fruits of eternal life and our daily physical needs.

Luke 12:25 Which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his height?

Luke 12:26 If then you aren't able to do even the least things, why are you anxious about the rest?

Luke 12:29 Don't seek what you will eat or what you will drink; neither be anxious.

So it does not depend upon us to be good enough this day for God too give us our daily needs. Where we might think that God is allowed by some rule of a group, wherein we meet it correctly He will then take care of us, or as though we have earned the right so God's is pleased enough by our works this day to take care of us, no! But rather it is Christ Jesus who is good enough, and has earned us the gift of being made God's children, where God's has promised us because of His Son's righteousness to provide for us, which cannot be broken. Moreover, we don't have to wrangle over doctrines that teach all kinds of things as to how God will take care of us, we simple must have faith in Christ Jesus righteousness and rest therein in God's undeserved kindness too us.

Matthew 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Yes, our hearts condemns us telling us this is not true, that there must be some thing more to God's love for us gain provision for our day needs. So we then find ourselves judging God by sins law as evil, which in turn convicts us of our own sin judging us as condemned. Thinking as it were; " I know I did not work hard enough to day too get His blessing". But please do not be mislead here by dear brothers, only good gifts come from

above in the undeserved kindness of Jesus Christ by our Heavenly Father of perfect lights. He does not change from sin to love, or law to love, He is love and perfect light with no shadow of darkness from sin.

This is why many Christian's find themselves baffled when they get help from God right after knowingly sinning or making a mistake according to a rule of their church group. God's is telling us that His gift of undeserved kindness is bigger than their hearts, or even our own rules, or doctrines, bigger than our own condemnation for our conduct, His gift is irrevocable, if God revocable His precious gift of the life blood of His Son Christ Jesus all of us would find ourselves once again in death, under the judgment of God's righteous Law, which was removed in Christ Jesus.

1 John 3:20 because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

TRUSTING IN LOVE

Rather we can understand this or not, God will not replace His gift of undeserved kindness for the Laws judging us again. God trust in love for He is love, He chooses love as the greatest of all spiritual gifts. He chooses love instead of judgment, so we might have life.

1 John 4:8 He who doesn't love doesn't know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:16 We know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and he who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.

We may reason all we want thinking; “ I can sin and all I want, and all I have to do is believe in God's love through Jesus Christ, so I can really have a blast in this life and get away with it”. But If you feel this way then you do not have the love of Christ Jesus compelling you, into God's love and righteousness.

A good fruit tree cannot produce bad fruit, the very purpose of creating the tree is for it too produce good fruit, it is the nature of the tree, and

it is the life force of the tree. Love cannot fail, love is the life force of Christ Jesus, which is the good tree we are graft into. We must produce good fruit from the will or life force of the tree. So many Christian's find themselves constantly condemned by their sins, knowing they cannot stop a bad habit producing sin.

John 5:42 But I know you, that you don't have God's love in yourselves.

Romans 5:5 and hope doesn't disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

1 John 2:5 But whoever keeps his word, God's love has most certainly been perfected in him. This is how we know that we are in him:

1 John 4:9 By this God's love was revealed in us, that God has sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

They are judging themselves by the Old Laws, or that of a groups law, which condemns them, but not by Christ Jesus righteousness in God's undeserved kindness. They find themselves in a vicious circle of trying to make themselves worthy enough by not sinning too receive the gift of undeserved kindness, which simply can not be done in a thousand life times by our own good works.

Galatians 5:4 You are alienated from Christ, you who desire to be justified by the law. You have fallen away from grace.

Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

Here is one more key to understanding undeserved kindness, if one cannot stop sinning which produce a bad habit, where our eternal life depends upon us not sinning, so we can only receive eternal life by the free gift of undeserved kindness of God.

According to God's righteous laws we cannot stop sinning, none of us born of Adam can stop sinning, we all have the bad habit of sinning, which makes us a practicer of sin, we thus have no way out of death except, by God's undeserved kindness removing the law condemning us of our bad habit of sinning. So judgments by sins law does nothing more then prove we have sin by the very fact of the judgment of sins law. So when we judge ourselves, and other by laws of sin, we are in death, and nothing more.

Matt.7:1 "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged.

7:2 For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

But if we are under God's undeserved kindness in Jesus Christ we cannot judge ourselves any longer by deaths law, we must judge ourselves by God's love, where His love feeds and cherish each of us in the body of Christ Jesus, this love is free from judgment and is not deserved, but is instead a gift of life too the body of Christ Jesus.

1 John 4:17 In this love has been made perfect among us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as he is, even so are we in this world.

We are not condemned in Christ Jesus, it is true, and it is undeserved in kindness, by God's of love, it is beyond the evil of sinful thoughts, and the laws judgment, and beyond human love. If we cannot as Christian's void ourselves of thoughts of self-justification we will not be justified in Christ Jesus. If we cannot void ourselves of worthiness, we are on the wrong road. But if we can rest in God's love, in Christ Jesus worthiness given too us as the gift of life, we find life, the living life of Christ Jesus beating in our heart producing all good things of eternal life.

Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.{NU omits "who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit"}

8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.

This is the power Satan the Devil fears, it is the power he lied about, it is the system he built, and we live in, and which uses the teachings of guilt, to holds men in death laws, binding them into slavery, fear, and blindness, too God gift of undeserved kindness in Christ Jesus, which gift requires trust in God's love by our faith to understand this grand gift.

We cannot fail in God's love, it will produce certain good fruits for life in us, we cannot fail in Christ Jesus righteousness, it is the truth, and the life, if we walk in faith, it is God's love towards us.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in love.

When we rest not in ourselves, but rather in the power of undeserved kindness of God, we are in the gift of life, the life that bears witness within us as the spirit of truth, thus, our believing in this truth as no lie, we will conquer this world, and its darkness.

We must as God's children understand this, that, that which is in us, is greater than the world, where we void ourselves of self-rightness, trusting in the Truth of Word of God, which is Christ Jesus, as the seal of our faith bearing witness with our own spirit in truth and love. This is our rock foundation having no lie, here we can rest, here we can test every spirit against truth of God's love.

1 John 5:20 We know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, that we know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has the life. He who doesn't have God's Son doesn't have the life.

1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world.

Let us run this race in faith, let each of us give up our own life, for the real life found in us, let us not fear the judgment of men, but let us cling to the living word of God bearing witness in us with the gift of God's love sealed in our hearts as a token of God's everlasting promise that His love will never fails us.

May the undeserved kindness of our Lord and Master be with the spirit we show in love.

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FURTHER RESEARCH ARTICALS

The Greek word KHARIS: "Undeserved Kindness"- New World Translation

"By this *undeserved kindness*(Greek "KHARIS"), indeed, you have been saved through faith, and this not owing to you, it is God's gift. "-Ephesians 2.8; New World Translation. *Italics and words in brackets ours.*

Sometimes the New World Translation is criticised for "going out of its way to be different." One Greek word which is rendered differently by the NWT Translation Committee, from 'mainline' translations(such as the King James, the New International Version and The New Revised Standard Version), is KHARIS which the NWT Translation Committee rendered, sometimes, as "underserved kindness." Is this an instance of the NWT Translation Committee "going out of its way to be different" from the above named translations which almost uniformly render it as "grace"? Or, rather, is this an instance where the New World Translation is *superior* to the above named translations? We think it is the latter. Please read the following which will show this to be so.

The New International Version: Keyword Study Bible in its "New Testament Lexical Aids" under the word KHARIS informs us:

"CHARIS...From its root, this word denotes that which causes joy, pleasure, that which creates delight in the recipient or observer. Hence, it is used with some latitude to mean gratification, thankfulness, gratitude or appreciation for a kindness granted or desired: a benefit, favor or gift: acceptance, approval, generosity, open heartedness, or magnanimity. It was used especially to describe favors done without expectation of return. In reference to God we might understand it as the *absolutely free expression of His loving-kindness to men*, finding its only motive in His bounty and benevolence as the Giver: *His unearned and unmerited favour*.Meanings of charis:.....2. Grace, in act and deed, a favor conferred, *a kindness*, benefit, gift..."-p1686. *italics ours*

From Abbott-Smith's Manual Greek Lexicon of the New Testament we read, in part:

".....2 Subjectively, (a) on the part of the giver, grace, graciousness, *kindness*, goodwill, favour; esp. in the N.T. of the divine favour, grace, *with emphasis on its freeness* and universality.-*italics ours*.

The following is an excerpt from the article "Kindness" in the Insight on the Scriptures, Vol.2, page 153(© WTB&TS of Pennsylvania, 1988)

"Undeserved Kindness. The Greek word *kha'ris* occurs more than 150 times in the Greek Scriptures and is rendered in a variety of ways, depending on the context. In all instances the central idea of *kha'ris* is preserved-that which is agreeable (1Pe 2:19, 20) and winsome. (Lu 4:22) By extension, in some instances it refers to a kind gift (1Co 16:3; 2Co 8:19) or the kind manner of the giving. (2Co 8:4, 6) At other times it has reference to the credit, gratitude, or thankfulness that an especially kind act calls forth.-Lu 6:32-34; Ro 6:17; 1Co 10:30; 15:57; 2Co 2:14; 8:16; 9:15; 1Ti 1:12; 2Ti 1:3.

"On the other hand, in the great majority of occurrences, *kha'ris* is rendered "grace" by most English Bible translators. The word "grace," however, with some 14 different meanings does not convey to most readers the ideas contained in the Greek word. To illustrate: In John 1:14, where the *King James Version* says "the Word was made flesh . . . full of grace and truth," what is meant? Does it mean "gracefulness," or "favor," or what?

"Scholar R. C. Trench, in *Synonyms of the New Testament*, says *kha'ris* implies "a favour freely done, without claim or expectation of return-the word being thus predisposed to receive its new emphasis [as given it in the Christian writings] . . . , to set forth the entire and absolute freeness of the loving-kindness of God to men. Thus Aristotle, defining [*kha'ris*], lays the whole stress on this very point, that it is conferred freely, with no expectation of return, and finding its only motive in the bounty and free-heartedness of the giver." (London, 1961, p. 158) Joseph H. Thayer in his lexicon says: "*The word [kha'ris] contains the idea of kindness which bestows upon one what he has not deserved . . . the N. T. writers use [kha'ris] pre-eminently of that kindness by which God bestows*

favors even upon the ill-deserving, and grants to sinners the pardon of their offences, and bids them accept of eternal salvation through Christ." (*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, 1889, p. 666) Kha´ris is closely related to another Greek word, *kha´ri-sma*, concerning which William Barclay's *New Testament Wordbook* (1956, p. 29) says: "The whole basic idea of the word [kha´ri-sma] is that of a free and undeserved gift, of something given to a man unearned and unmerited."-Compare 2Co 1:11, Int.

"When *kha´ris* is used in the above sense, in reference to kindness bestowed on one who does not deserve it, as is true with the kindnesses extended by Jehovah, "undeserved kindness" is a very good English equivalent for the Greek expression.-Ac 15:40; 18:27; 1Pe 4:10; 5:10, 12."-end of quotation. All italics theirs.

The Twentieth Century New Testament at Ephesians 2.8 reads:

"For it is by God's *loving-kindness*(Greek: KHARIS)that you have been saved, through your faith. It is not due to yourselves: the gift is God's."-italics and words in brackets ours.

The New Testament in the Language of the People by Charles B. Williams reads:

"For it is by his *unmerited favor*(Greek: KHARIS)through faith that you have been saved; it is not by anything that you have done, it is the gift of God."-italics and words in brackets ours.

The Classic Greek Dictionary prepared by George Ricker Berry under KHARIS says:

"...II. grace or favour felt, either, 1. by the Doer, *kindness*, goodwill :..."-italics ours.

The NAS New Testament Greek Lexicon([here](#))states under its 2nd definition of the word:

"good will, *loving-kindness*, favour.

1. of the *merciful kindness* by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues."-italics ours.

The NIV Theological Dictionary of New Testament Words states:

"Words formed from the Gk. root *char-* indicate things that produce well-being. Included in this word group is *chara*(joy), which is the individual experience or expression of this well being. (a)From this basic meaning of this root the individual meanings of *charis* are derived: e.g., grace, favor, beauty, thankfulness, gratitude, delight, kindness, benefit..."

Note that this comprehensive dictionary gives one of its range of meanings as "kindness."

Of interest is what John L. McKenzie in his Dictionary of the Bible wrote in the article "Grace":

"The verb *charizesthai* is comparatively (to KHARIS) weak in theological content. It means to grant freely as a favor....(Rm.8:32)....(Gal. 3:18.)-page 324.

The New World Translation at these places where the related word KHARIZESTHAI occurs reads "kindly give" and "kindly given." McKenzie goes on to show why he favours the translation of KHARIS as "grace," as a "better translation than "favor" or "goodwill."" The New World Translation, for the reasons already given above, thought that the English word "grace" was ambiguous because of its wide semantic field. Hence, the New World Translation wanted, it appears, to have a "better translation" than "grace" or "favour."

We hope all of the above will go some way to inform those who wish to know why the New World Translation differs with the many English Bible translations that offer "grace" for the Greek word KHARIS; that it will dispel any un-warranted criticism of the New World Translation's treatment of this word; to show the good grounds for this translation's rendering and, lastly, to even show its *superiority* over the many English translations available today. The New World Translation has not "gone out of its way to be different" with other English Bible translations but have sought an accurate meaning of the original Bible words used by the inspired Bible writers. They succeeded in this by rendering the Greek word KHARIS in reference to God as "undeserved kindness."

