

UNDER GRACE

ACTS 4:32-37

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “Grace is the exact opposite of works. God’s grace...not only forgives the repentant sinner, but [also] brings joy and thankfulness to Him.” Spiros Zodhiates, Word Studies in the New Testament, p.1469.

BELIEVERS WERE ONE! A right relationship with Christ leads to right relationships with fellow believers. They were one because each one worshipped One—Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:32, fn 4:32[1st], Ephesians 4:4-6, fn 4:4-7, I Corinthians 12:3-14, fn 12:13, Galatians 3:26-28, fn 3:28[2nd], John 17:20-23, fn 17:21-23[2nd], Romans 15:7) *How are you able to accept different believers in your Christian community?*

BELIEVERS WERE GENEROUS! If by God’s grace a believer is thankful, then he will also be generous. God’s people love and take care of each other. (Acts 4:32, 34-37, fn 4:32[2nd], fn 4:32-35, II Corinthians 8:1-5, fn 8:7-8, fn 8:12[1st], fn 8:12[2nd], II Corinthians 9:6-15, fn 9:10, fn 9:12-15) *How can you know when to give?*

APOSTLES WERE POWERFUL! “They testified to the resurrection of Jesus Christ... The Holy Spirit takes the Gospel and drives it supernaturally into the human heart.” Billy Graham. The Apostles were ordinary, unschooled men who were powerful witnesses under grace. (Acts 4:33, Acts 1:8, fn 1:8[1st], II Timothy 1:7-9, fn 1:6-7, II Peter 1:3, 4, fn 1:3, 4) *What is necessary for you to be a powerful witness?*

Pray for one another’s needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

