NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH L.I.F.E BIBLE STUDY

Topical Study: GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL GRACE

SESSION ONE: The DEFINITION of GRACE

I. What is the

definition of GRACE?

God choosing to **BLESS** us rather than CURSE us as our SIN DESERVES.

A. The word *"grace"* in the New Testament comes from the Greek word *charis* which means "favor, blessing, or kindness."

B. To fully understand GRACE, we need to consider who we were without CHRIST and who we become with CHRIST.

1. We were born

in SIN. (Psalm 51:5)

2. We were GUILITY of breaking God's HOLY LAWS.

(Rom.3:9-24; 1 John 1:8-2:2)



(Rom.5:6-11; 8:7; Col. 1:19-21)

C. Where and when did

GRACE begin?

GRACE began in the Garden of Eden when God killed an animal to cover the SIN of Adam and Eve. (Gen. 3:21)

1. The pattern of **GRACE** continued throughout the Old Testament when God instituted the "sacrificial system" to ATONE for SINFUL men.

1. There were 5 main

types of SACRIFICES:

[3] Voluntary and[2] Mandatory.

1. 3 VOLUNTARY - The BURNT offering, the GRAIN offering, and the PEACE offering. **2 MANDATORY** - The SIN offering and the **TRESPASS** offering.

D. The GOSPEL of GRACE

came and extended GOD'S FAVOR to us. (John 1:11-17)

1. GRACE saves us.

(Eph. 2:8,9)

2. GRACE gives us ETERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT and GOOD HOPE.

(2 Thess. 2:16)

3. GRACE gives us VICTORY over SIN. (James 4:6)

GRACE is GOD giving the **GREATEST TREASURE to** the LEAST DESERVING.