

God's mercy (*éleos*) is extended for the alleviation of the consequences of sin. Grace identifies the free nature of salvation, that which is unmerited and without obligation. Mercy is the application of grace and reminds us that redemptive freedom rescued us from the pathetic condition of our sinfulness. The believer is to exercise mercifulness, for he can feel compassion for the misery of sin upon others, but he has no power to exercise grace in the same manner as Christ since that is exclusively God's work. 'Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy' (James 2:12, 13).<sup>2</sup>

43. From this analysis and the context of the verse, here is the expanded translation of:

**James 2:13** Evaluation will be without mercy for the one not having shown mercy; grace in action exults over the Evaluation Tribunal.  
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### Principles of the clause, “grace in action exults at the evaluation tribunal.”

1. The only thing that can exult at the Evaluation Tribunal is mercy, or grace in action.
2. The English translations use the word “mercy” to translate *éleos* which is accurate, but when being utilized and found sufficient, then the result may be characterized as “grace in action.”
3. Grace is designed to glorify God, never to glorify men or angels. These beings can receive grace, but they cannot independently produce it. Grace production is application of the Word of God under the teaching and application ministries of the Holy Spirit.
4. Those who take credit for doing “acts of mercy” from the motivation of personal aggrandizement reach the false conclusion that they are doing service to God.
5. **Principle:** God can do anything He wants to do far better than the best of us can going back to A.D. 33. What He is looking for are devoted servants who want to serve Him and act in His stead while applying His Word in the hostile environment of the Devil's world.
6. This is characterized as “divine good” when such a believer is filled with the Holy Spirit and is drawing from His *kardía*'s inventory of pertinent doctrine for guidance in the production of the work.

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid., “ἔλεος,” 564–65.



7. God is glorified by the believer's reception of his escrow blessings at the Evaluation Tribunal, not the believer. This is grace in action.
8. Our challenge in time is to accept the honor to serve Him by growing in grace and advancing toward **πρόμαχοι (prómachoi)** status as front rankers in the Lord's army.
9. Therefore, grace oriented people understand that everything we receive from God is from His matchless grace. Those who are not grace oriented are self-centered and expect to be paid.
10. Therefore, grace is designed to glorify God, never any person. The result is that grace rejects human good and rejects personal aggrandizement. Instead, it utilizes the believer's grace orientation for the purpose of accomplishing divine objectives.
11. Therefore, at the Evaluation Tribunal, grace-oriented winners understand that God is the One glorified by distributing believers' escrow blessings, not the individual recipients.
12. In James's evaluation of the three men highlighted in chapter two, it is a teaching moment for the congregation in the application of two crucial doctrines: **(1)** the Royal Law and **(2)** grace orientation.
13. James analyzes how Mr. Golden Fingers and Mr. Chazzan are not in fellowship and are functioning in Cosmic One Arrogance reflected by the production of human good and evil.
14. James's subject in chapter two also addresses operational death in which the soul produces human good. He makes the point in verses 12 and 13 that all human good and evil will be destroyed at the Evaluation Tribunal of Christ.
15. The Lord's evaluation is designed to demonstrate that grace in action exults over the distribution of escrow blessings while exposing the futility of human good and evil.
16. The former are certified by gold, silver, and precious stones, or divine good production, by surviving the flames, while the latter are certified by wood, hay, and straw, or human good and evil production, being engulfed by the flames.
17. So within the environment of grace orientation what exactly is it that does the exulting at the Evaluation Tribunal?
18. The divine principle of grace in action of those who from their own free wills accumulated doctrine in their souls under the filling, teaching, and application ministries of the Holy Spirit during their Christian lives on the earth.



19. The principle to be drawn from this passage is grace in action. “Grace in action exults over the Evaluation Tribunal of Christ.”
20. Grace Orientation is a doctrine that should be acquired early in a believer’s Christian life. Let’s categorize spiritual growth by noting the development of the ten problem-solving devices:

## The Ten Problem Solving Devices

### A. Summary

1. Numbers 1–3 are Rebound, Filling of the Holy Spirit, and the Faith-Rest Drill. These are essential for a believer in Spiritual Childhood.
2. Numbers 4–5 are Grace Orientation and Doctrinal Orientation. These are important in Spiritual Adolescence.
3. Numbers 6–10 are Personal Sense of Destiny, Personal Love for God, Unconditional Love for All Mankind, Sharing the Happiness of God, and Occupation with Christ. These are developed in Spiritual Adulthood.

### B. PSDs in Spiritual Childhood

1. **The Rebound Technique**: This is the only device that functions when the believer is out of fellowship. Since all believers are priests they are qualified to recover fellowship by confession alone to God alone.

**1 Peter 2:9** You are a chosen race [ royal family ] a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellences of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**Revelation 5:10** “You have appointed them [ Church Age believers ] a royal kingdom and priests [ Jesus Christ is High Priest, we are in Him, therefore we serve in His priesthood ] to our God. And they shall rule on the earth [ millennial kingdom ].”

2. **The Filling of the Holy Spirit**: The exclusive availability of divine power inside the evanescent divine power system providing the ability to execute the plan of God from the soul. We cannot learn, retain, and apply the infinite knowledge of the Word of God without a supernatural Teacher.

3. **The Faith-Rest Drill:** Claiming promises from God and applying them to situations experienced in life. There are three procedures one may use with this device: (1) mixing the promises of God with personal faith in the power of the Word of God, (2) claiming doctrines, for example logistical grace which guarantees all our necessities, or the essence of God which reveals God's character is in total control of all that exists including the life of the believer, and (3) the decision to place one's faith in God to manage the situation and resting on that conclusion.
  
4. **Grace Orientation:** This device recognizes that grace is all that God is free to do for the believer and is totally divorced from any system of human works, merit, ability, human good, or the insertion of any human element into the concept. Grace is the plan of God for the believer in the Church Age. The Christian way of life is total orientation to the grace of God which is always the work of God, never man. In the Christian way of life everything that is classified as divine good is dependent upon functions that take place inside the evanescent bubble of the Divine Power System under the power of the Holy Spirit and referenced from principles, mandates, and doctrines based on divine revelation from Scripture.  

**NOTE:** Most if not all of denominational Christianity today is not grace oriented. The emphasis is primarily based on functions of human good that even the unbeliever can perform. In fact, well over one-half of our national budget is based on human-viewpoint efforts based on moral precepts most of which churches consider necessary to either become saved or to honor God. Grace is a system that allows the individual *believer* to accomplish divine good whenever he is led by mandates or guidance from the Word of God. If two or more believers also function in this way then they can produce divine good.
  
5. **Doctrinal Orientation:** The advance into the eleven categories of systematic theology. As the believer grows in grace he acquires doctrinal understanding of the variety of subjects contained in Scripture. There are eleven categories of Systematic: Bibliology, Theology, Angelology, Satanology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, Christology, and Pneumatology.