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The expression “grace for grace” in verse 16 can be literally rendered, “grace instead of grace” or “grace in place of grace.” God’s bountiful supply of grace is constantly replaced by more grace. The best way to visualize this phrase is to think of the waves of the ocean. One wave is replaced by the next wave. The waves keep coming continually, wave upon wave. So God’s rich grace constantly crashes upon the needy soul, wave after wave of grace, a limitless supply to be enjoyed by the believing heart. One wave of grace is followed by the next wave, and then the next and then the next.

The law could show us our need, but could never answer our need. Grace, grounded in the work of Christ on Calvary, provides everything the sin-sick soul needs, and God’s provision will never run dry. “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work...being enriched in everything to all bountifulness” (2 Cor. 9:8,11). “And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 1:14).

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