

8. “And God is able to make all grace abound unto you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may abound unto every good work,”

The Greek word translated “able” (δυναται) means that God *has the power and ability* to cause all grace to abound and to be abundant unto us believers. The Greek phrase translated “all grace” (πασαν χαριν) is singular, and may be translated *every grace*, such as the grace involved in giving (8:1, 6-7).

Since what Paul is saying in this verse is in the midst of a context dealing with the giving of money, we interpret the grace which God causes to abound unto believers as that which is essential *to make them self-sufficient* to earn enough money to supply their *own family needs* plus the *needs of the poor*, in this case, and *the needs of those teaching and preaching the Word* (Phil. 1:3-5, 1 Tim. 5:17-18). Also, God’s grace often provides *by keeping our expenses down* and *by keeping us satisfied with fewer of the material things* of this world.

Finally, Paul says that God’s grace makes it possible for us believers to abound in doing every good work. This may also be interpreted to mean that God’s grace provides believers with *an abundance to help* every good work. It is exceedingly important that we recognize two things—the good works for us as members of the Body of Christ are listed in Paul’s Epistle. Likewise, the Gospel of Grace we are to teach is in Paul’s Epistles.

9. “as it has been written, He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor, His righteousness remains forever.”

The preceding verse emphasized God’s ability to make His grace abound unto believers, that they in turn might have all self-sufficiency in everything, and as a result that they might abound in doing and aiding every good work.

Reinforcing the fact that God has caused His grace to abound unto the Corinthians, that they might have all sufficiency to make a generous offering to the poor in Jerusalem, Paul quotes Psalm 112:9, which says that the man who fears the Lord has *scattered* what he has; he has *given* to the poor, and his righteousness remains and endures forever.