

GRACE/FAVOUR (ΧΑΡΙΣ CHARIS/GRATIA)

- The Greek term (see Hardon, 1-2)
 - Quality which gives joy; the beautiful
 - That which communicates joy and happiness
 - A freely-given quality (Aristotle, *De Rhetorica* II; CCC 1996, 2027)
- Various different ways of describing grace
 - God's interaction with humanity
 - God's preferential action towards humanity
 - Remarkable deeds that God has done
 - Our relationship to God
 - "The grace and peace of God": Connection between grace and well-being
- Grace: free gifts of God
 - God's presence in our lives
 - Aspects of ourselves that result from God's presence
 - Our very existence
 - Creation is undeserved
 - Aspects of our nature are undeserved
 - Grace, properly so called
 - Enhancing of our nature
 - Healing of our nature from the effects of sin

TERMS AND ISSUES

ANTHROPOLOGY: WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN DIFFERENCE?

- Understanding human reality
- Methodological issues
- Examining the evidence
- Discarding the neoplatonic

TALKING ABOUT THE HUMAN

- Created, contingent being
- Prelapsarian, original, integral humanity
- Original Sin
- Redemption
- Graced humanity
- Participation in God
- Deified humanity/Beatific vision

ISSUES

- What is natural?
- Holiness
- Salvation
 - What are we saved from?
 - What are we saved for?
 - What does it look like to be saved?
 - What does it feel like to be saved?
- Awaiting the kingdom
 - Engagement with the physical

- Engagement with the intellectual
- Engagement with the will
- The life of grace
 - How do we know grace?
 - What does grace feel like?
 - How does grace engage our will?
 - How does grace change us?
- Providence
 - Role of prayer
 - Meaning of suffering
- States of life
- Eschatology
 - What happens to us when we die?
 - Where do we go?
 - What do we do there?
 - What is our goal?

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