

# Christian Graces

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**Colossians 4:5-6 - Walk in wisdom toward those *who are outside*, redeeming the time. <sup>6</sup> *Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.***

Above this scripture in the NKJV is the title “Christian Graces” which is why I titled today’s devotion the same. What has me tilting my head is the part that says that we ought to know how to answer each person if we are walking in wisdom.

In reading *Matthew’s Commentary*, he says to be careful that we don’t “increase their prejudices against religion and give them an occasion of dislike” speaking of those who are outside the Christian church. One thing we don’t want to do is create a chasm that we can’t close – to burn a bridge that we can’t build back up again. We all know that power of life and death are in the tongue, we have had many teachings on our words.

This goes beyond our words to knowing what they are! To know what to say is half the battle. I tell you, I’m the queen of saying “Communication is Everything!” And hope is a big part of that – I know personally – I’ve been struggling to find hope.... Lord gives us hope! Keep our hope alive in You Jesus!

I believe the Lord will speak to our spirit man today and from our belly will flow rivers of living water – it’s what the Bible says. Rivers of living water means that what we say will speak life and bring hope, it will bring healing and it will encourage, it will be bring revelation and cause the unsaved to consider a deeper meaning and it will MAKE A WAY for Jesus to enter. We are His forerunners.

God will give you today all that you need to speak when you need to speak it and to quote *Matthew Henry* again “grace is the salt which seasons our discourse, makes it savoury, and keeps it from corrupting.”

**1 Pet. 3:15 - *Be ready always to give an answer to every man who asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.***