

# GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

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## The Forty Grace Gifts Given at the Moment of Salvation

### 1. Access to God.

At the moment of faith in Christ, we immediately have access to God in prayer, **Rom 5:2, Eph 2:18, 3:12**. We have access to the Father in prayer when we are in fellowship with Him through the Filling of the Spirit. The Filling of the Spirit is our means of access to the Father. God the Father will not hear our prayers if we have not "rebounded," 1Jo 1:9, and are not "*filled with the Spirit,*" **Eph 5:18**. The Lord Jesus Christ made this "access" to the Father possible with His saving work on the Cross, **Heb 4:16, 10:19-20**.

### 2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

At the moment we believe in Jesus Christ, the omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit enters us into an eternal union with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church-age believer is identified with the Lord Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. The Baptism of the Spirit is one of the many guarantees of our eternal security, **1Co 12:13, Gal 3:26-28, Eph 4:5**.

### 3. The Unique Availability of Divine Power.

At the moment of salvation, every Church-age believer is given the 100% availability of divine power for the execution of the Predesigned Plan of God for the Church-age, for the purpose of glorifying God in the angelic conflict. The believer has three categories of Divine Power available to him:

1) The omnipotence of God the Father as related to our portfolio of invisible assets.

2) The omnipotence of God the Son as related to the preservation and perpetuation of human history.

3) The omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit as related to the execution of the Predesigned Plan of God for Church-age.

While this Divine Power is available to all believers, only consistent perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine make it usable, **Eph 6:10, Act 1:8**.

#### **4. Efficacious Grace.**

Efficacious Grace is grace that God gives to those individuals who have made a non-meritorious decision to believe in Christ. In Efficacious Grace, God the Holy Spirit makes our faith in Christ effective for salvation. Salvation only becomes a reality when God the Holy Spirit makes a person's faith in Christ alone effective. There is only the potential for salvation in common grace, in which God the Holy Spirit makes the gospel understandable. Therefore, Efficacious Grace takes place when the omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit makes a spiritually dead person's faith in Christ valid, or effective, for salvation, **Eph 2:8-9, 2Co 6:1-2**. Efficacious Grace is one of the seven Salvation Ministries of God the Holy Spirit. The seven Salvation Ministries of God the Holy Spirit are all contained within the forty things received at salvation and are as follows:

- 1) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Efficacious Grace.
- 3) The Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
- 4) The Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit.
- 5) Regeneration.
- 6) The Sealing Ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- 7) The Distribution of Spiritual Gifts.

## 5. Election.

Election is the expression of the sovereign will of God for the Church-age believer. God wills His highest and best for every believer, **Eph 1:3-4**, and every believer is to know his Election, **Col 3:12-17**. God's will is that you carry out His plan so that you can receive tremendous blessings and glorify Him in the angelic conflict. Divine Election bestows special privileges. It is the plan of God for believers only, and includes equal privilege (our Royal Priesthood) and equal opportunity (logistical grace).

## 6. Equal Privilege and Opportunity.

This gift comes under our invisible assets in the divine decrees, which are Election and Predestination. In the Royal Family, no racial, social, or gender distinctions are recognized, **Gal 3:26-28**. We all have Equal Privilege and Opportunity to execute the plan of God. All believers are under a state of equality; we have the right to fail and the right to succeed. It is grace alone that makes all people equal. At the moment of our salvation, we are given Equal Privilege and Equal Opportunity.

## 7. Escrow Blessings.

These blessings are on deposit and are distributed at the point of spiritual adulthood; otherwise, they remain in escrow forever as a memorial to lost opportunity, **Eph 1:3**. God the Father, as the Grantor, deposited into escrow the greatest possible blessings for us in eternity past. In His omniscience, He knew we would believe in Christ; He therefore deposited into escrow fantastic blessings for both time and eternity. These blessings are irrevocable. Church-age believers are the grantees, and at the moment we believe in Christ, these blessings become available. By growing in grace after salvation, to spiritual maturity, we receive our Escrow Blessings for time; at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we will then receive our Escrow Blessings for the eternal state. All Church-age believers have Equal Privilege and Equal Opportunity to advance to spiritual maturity and receive these greater blessings. However, many believers become losers instead of winners, and they fail to use these

opportunities; they are not consistent in perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine. Therefore, their Escrow Blessings remain on deposit in heaven forever. Since the blessings are irrevocable, they either remain on deposit, or they are distributed to winner believers.

## 8. Eternal Life.

God the Father imputes His Eternal Life to us at salvation. At the same time, God the Holy Spirit enters us into union with Christ so that we share our Lord's Eternal Life. We have a double blessing of Eternal Life.

**1Jo 5:11-13** *And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.*

If you are going to live with God forever, you must have the life of God, which is Eternal Life. The unbeliever has soul life, which is everlasting life, and will exist in the lake of fire forever. However, Eternal Life is life with no beginning and no end. Eternal Life means living in the presence of God forever.

## 9. Eternal Security.

Your salvation is based upon the integrity of God, which was manifested at the Cross by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There is nothing God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit can do to cancel our salvation after we believe in Jesus Christ, nor is there anything we can do. Even if you have believed in Christ, but now are renouncing Him, you are still eternally secure. The justice of God imputed Eternal Life to you and declared you perfectly righteous when you believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who satisfied the justice of God. There is nothing Satan and the kingdom of darkness can do to cancel your salvation, **Joh 10:29, Rom 8:38-39.**

1) The logical approach to Eternal Security is found in **Rom 8:31-**

**32**, *"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?"* "All things" includes a security that neither God nor we can break.

2) The positional approach says that once we are in union with Christ, we cannot break that union, **Rom 2Co 5:17**.

3) The experiential approach is found in **2Ti 2:11-13**, *"It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him; If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself."*

4) The family approach is taught in **Gal 3:26-28**, *"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* At the point of our salvation, we were born into the family of God; we cannot be unborn from God's family. Once a son, always a son. You will always be a child of God.

5) The inheritance approach is found in **1Pe 1:5**, *"Who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."*

6) The "body of Christ" approach is taught in **1Co 12:21**, *"And the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'; or again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'"*

7) The anthropomorphism approach is taught in **Joh 10:28**, *"And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand."*

## **10. The Filling of God the Holy Spirit.**

The Filling of the Spirit is defined as the influence of God the Holy Spirit over the soul of the believer, **Eph 5:18, Gal 5:16, Joh 4:24**. It

is the first power option for the execution of the Predesigned Plan of God for the Church-age. (The second is the perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine.) The Indwelling of the Spirit is permanent. The Filling of the Spirit is temporal, depending on the volition of the believer.

### **11. A Secure, Immovable Foundation.**

At the moment of faith in Christ, we are instantly placed on a Secure Foundation, **1Co 3:11, Eph 2:20**. The Lord Jesus Christ is described as the Rock of our salvation. The impeccable Person and finished work of Christ form this Secure Foundation, on which the believer can rest, assured of his eternal salvation, **Deu 32:4**.

### **12. Being Presented as a Gift from God the Father to God the Son.**

We are given, as a Gift, to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Royal Family of God, **Joh 10:29, 17:2,6,9,11**. God the Father is forming a Royal Family for His Son in the Church-age. The Lord Jesus Christ is called "*King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,*" **Rev 19:16**. This portrays Him as being the Head of the Royal Family of God, which is made up of Church-age believers. The Church is presented to Christ as His bride at the rapture of the Church, **Rev 19:7-10**.

### **13. Deliverance from the Great White Throne Judgment and the Lake of Fire.**

All judgment is removed at the moment we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Joh 3:18** *"He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."*

**Rom 8:1** *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

Unbelievers will be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment and then go to the Lake of Fire. They will not be judged according to

their sins because the Lord Jesus Christ paid for their sins, but rather, they will be judged according to their works, **Rev 20:11-15**. Believers will be evaluated at the Bema Seat to determine whether or not they will receive rewards, **Rom 14:10, 2Co 5:10, 1Co 3:11-15**.

#### **14. Identification with God the Son in Biblical Analogy.**

At the moment of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, the Church-age believer becomes related to God the Son through eight special Biblical analogies, or relationships:

- 1) The last Adam and the new creation, **1Co 15:45, 2Co 15:17a**.
- 2) The Head and the body, **Col 1:18a**.
- 3) The Great Shepherd and the sheep, **Heb 13:20**.
- 4) The True Vine and the branches, **Joh 15:5a**.
- 5) The Chief Cornerstone and the stones in the building, **Eph 2:20, 1Pe 2:5-6**.
- 6) The Great High Priest and members of the Royal Priesthood, **Heb 4:14a, 1Pe 2:9a**.
- 7) The Groom and the bride (Our wedding occurs in heaven during the Tribulation.), **Rev 19:7**.
- 8) The King of Kings and the Royal Family of God, **Rev 19:14-16**.

#### **15. The Indwelling of God the Father.**

The Church-age believer receives the Indwelling of God the Father at the moment of salvation, **Joh 14:22-23, Eph 4:6, Phi 2:13, 1Jo 4:15, 2Jo 1:9**. The Indwelling of God the Father guarantees:

- 1) His personal ministry to us in time and eternity.
- 2) Our portfolio of invisible assets.
- 3) Our Escrow Blessings for time and eternity.

- 4) Our very own spiritual life.
- 5) His plan for our lives both in time and eternity.

**Eph 4:6** *"One God and Father of all [believers] who is over all and through all and in all."*

The purpose of the Indwelling of the Father is the glorification of His plan, **Eph 1:3,6,12**.

### **16. The Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit.**

God the Holy Spirit indwells the body of every Church-age believer at the moment of salvation, **Rom 8:11, 1Co 3:16, 6:19, 2Co 6:16**. The purpose of the Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit is to provide a temple for the Lord Jesus Christ, the Shekinah Glory. It also provides a base of operations for the use of Divine Power and the execution of the Predesigned Plan of God, **Eph 5:18, Gal 5:16**.

### **17. The Indwelling of God the Son.**

At the moment of salvation, God the Son indwells the body of every Church-age believer, **Joh 14:20, 17:22-23,26, Rom 8:10, 2Co 13:5, Gal 2:20a, Col 1:27**. The purpose of the Indwelling of Jesus Christ is to serve as a badge, or a sign, of the Royal Family of God and is designed to give the believer confidence to advance to spiritual maturity. It is also the basis for using Divine Power and guarantees Eternal Life. This is totally unique to the Church-age.

### **18. An Eternal Inheritance.**

At the moment we believe in Jesus Christ, we receive an Inheritance that is eternal, **Heb 9:15**. We become heirs of God. Redemption is the basis of the believer receiving an Eternal Inheritance. We received it, at the moment of salvation, when we had positive volition toward the gospel, **Eph 1:14**. God the Holy Spirit is given as a pledge of our Inheritance, **Eph 1:14**. This Inheritance is reserved in heaven for the believer and is incorruptible, **1Pe 1:4**. The imputation of perfect righteousness has qualified us to receive this Eternal Inheritance, **Col 1:12**.

## 19. Justification.

Justification means a judicial act of vindication. We are born under condemnation, being spiritually dead. Justification is an official judicial act that occurs every time anyone believes in Christ. The justice of God acts on our behalf pronouncing us justified. This means having a relationship with God forever and having the perfect righteousness of God imputed to us. Justification is the judicial act of God whereby He recognizes that we have His perfect righteousness, **Gal 2:16, Tit 3:7, Rom 3:28.**

## 20. Transference into the Kingdom of God.

We were formerly "*sons of disobedience*" and thus members of Satan's kingdom before salvation, **Eph 2:3**. However, we have been transferred into the Kingdom of God at the moment of faith in Jesus Christ, **Col 1:13b**, "*And [God] transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son.*"

## 21. Deliverance from the Kingdom of Satan.

At the moment you believe in Christ, you are delivered from the authority of the kingdom of darkness. While the believer can allow himself to be influenced by demons, he can never be indwelt or possessed by them, since He is indwelt by all Three Members of the Trinity, **Col 1:13a**, "*For He delivered us from the domain of darkness.*"

## 22. The New Spiritual Species.

At the moment of salvation we become a New Spiritual Species (a brand new creation). This was never true in any other dispensation. There are two new species in human history:

- 1) The new racial species of the Jew began when Abraham was circumcised at age ninety-nine.
- 2) The Church-age believer becomes a New Spiritual Species at moment of faith in Christ.

**2Co 5:17** *"Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."*

Gal 6:15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

### **23. Positional Sanctification.**

Sanctification means to be set apart unto God. There are three categories of sanctification in the Christian way of life.

- 1) Positional Sanctification refers to union with the Person of Jesus Christ at the moment of salvation.
- 2) Experiential sanctification refers to the spiritual life after salvation.
- 3) Ultimate sanctification refers to our receiving resurrection bodies at the rapture.

Positional Sanctification at salvation makes every believer in union with Christ positionally higher than angels, **Heb 1-2**.

### **24. Predestination.**

Predestination is the provision of the sovereign will of God for the Church-age believer. Predestination is God saying, "I will give you everything you need to execute My plan for your life so that I can give you tremendous blessings." God provides for every believer "logistical" grace in order that each believer might execute the Predesigned Plan of God.

**Eph 1:5** *"He [God the Father] predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will."*

### **25. The Ten Problem-Solving Devices of the Predesigned Plan of God.**

We are provided everything we need to solve every problem in life

and to make every decision in life. We have the Ten Problem-Solving Devices available to us, but we must first learn the relevant doctrine. At the moment we believe in Christ, whatever problems we have had in the past, and whatever our inadequacies, God makes available to us Problem-Solving Devices. Like the other thirty-nine gifts, we are not aware of them at the point of our salvation. They are available at the moment of salvation, but they are not usable apart from perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine. The Ten Problem Solving Devices are as follows:

- 1) The Rebound Technique.
- 2) The Filling of the Spirit.
- 3) The Faith-rest drill.
- 4) Grace Orientation.
- 5) Doctrinal Orientation.
- 6) Personal Sense of Destiny.
- 7) Personal Love for God the Father.
- 8) Impersonal Love for All Mankind.
- 9) Sharing the Happiness of God (+H).
- 10) Occupation with Christ as the priority solution to life.

## **26. Propitiation.**

Propitiation means that the work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross satisfied the justice of God. Propitiation means "satisfaction." God the Father is satisfied with the impeccable Person of Christ and His perfect payment for our sins on the Cross. God the Father is satisfied with only one Person in all of human history, the Lord Jesus Christ. Since God the Father is satisfied with the Person and the work of Jesus Christ, and since we believe in Him, Who performed this work, God the Father is satisfied with us as individuals

positionally, **Rom 3:24-25, 1Jo 2:2, 4:10**. Propitiation resolves our problems with the perfect demands of God's righteousness and justice.

### **27. The Unique Predesigned Plan of God for the Church-age.**

The Predesigned Plan of God refers to God the Father's plan in eternity past for the Church-age believer to execute in time. God has a plan for your life. The name of that plan is the Predesigned Plan of God. The policy of that plan is grace. The precedence for the grace policy of God comes from the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union (when Jesus Christ lived on earth), **Gal 5:16, Eph 3:18**.

### **28. Reconciliation.**

We have been reconciled to God. Reconciliation is the work of Christ on the Cross that removes the barrier between man and God, **2Co 5:19, Rom 5:10**. Therefore, with the barrier removed, we can simply step over the line into eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. We were reconciled to God at the moment we believed in Christ.

*2Co 5:19 "Namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."*

### **29. Redemption.**

Redemption emphasizes the fact that we are sinners, not only by choice or volition, but even at the point of birth, before we even committed our first sin. We had to be condemned before we could be saved. Condemnation must precede salvation. Redemption is viewed from the standpoint of a ransom paid on the Cross for our salvation. Redemption views mankind as born into the slave market of sin through the imputation of Adam's original sin at birth. Redemption is the saving work of Christ on the Cross by which He purchased our freedom, or salvation. The payment of this debt is called the "*blood of Christ*," **Eph 1:7, Col 1:14**.

### **30. Regeneration.**

In Regeneration, God the Holy Spirit creates a human spirit for the purpose of the imputation of Eternal Life at salvation. At the moment of our physical birth, we receive the imputation of human life to our soul. At the moment we believe in Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit creates a human spirit to which God the Father imputes Eternal Life. Just as we have soul life forever, we have Eternal Life forever. A regenerate person passes from spiritual death into spiritual life. This is what it means to be "born again." Regeneration, or spiritual birth, is the work of God the Holy Spirit, which takes place the moment a person believes in Christ alone for salvation, **Joh 3:5-16, Tit 3:5**.

### **31. The Guarantee of a Resurrection Body.**

At the moment of salvation, we are guaranteed a Resurrection Body, **Joh 11:25**. The Resurrection Body has a totally different molecular structure than our present body, which is composed of flesh and bones. The Resurrection Body was designed for the eternal state, **1Co 15:43, Phi 3:20-21**.

### **32. The Imputed Righteousness of God.**

If we are going to live with God forever, we must be as good as God is; therefore, we must have the Righteousness of God.

**Rom 3:22a** *"even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe."*

**2Co 5:21** *"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*

### **33. The Royal Ambassadorship.**

Every Church-age believer has been made a Royal Ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who now sits at the right hand of the Father. The believer represents Him during this dispensation, **2Co 5:20**. An ambassador is a high-ranking minister, or member of royalty, sent to represent his nation in a foreign country. As a spiritual ambassador, the Church-age believer represents the Lord Jesus Christ in the devil's world. An ambassador has his instructions in written form;

our written instructions are found in the Bible. An ambassador does not belong to the country to which he is sent; we are citizens of heaven, not of the devil's world, **Phi 3:20**.

### **34. Entrance into the Royal Family of God.**

We became a member of the Royal Family of God at the moment of salvation. All believers of the Church-age belong to Royalty, **Rev 1:6**. We are "adopted" (Roman style) into the Royal Family of God. In Roman adoption, a Roman aristocrat would select someone, often someone other than his own son, to become his heir. This is exactly what God did with us. The basis of the believer's royalty is the Baptism of the Spirit, **Act 1:5, Rom 6:3-4**, which only occurs in the Church-age, **1Co 12:13**. The sign of our Royalty is the Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, **1Co 6:19-20**.

### **35. The Royal Priesthood.**

Every believer in this Church-age dispensation is appointed by God as a Royal Priest at the moment of salvation. As a Royal Priest, every believer represents himself before God.

**1Pe 2:5** *"You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

**1Pe 2:9a** *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession."*

**Rev 1:6a** *"And He made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father."*

**Rev 5:10a** *"And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God."*

### **36. The Removal of all Scar Tissue from the Soul.**

As unbelievers, we had accumulated Scar Tissue in the soul. Scar Tissue is synonymous with "hardness of the heart" in the Scriptures. Scar Tissue develops from the influence of evil on your left (mind)

and right (heart) lobes. As Scar Tissue accumulates, false doctrine moves rapidly into the left lobe and puts pressure on the right lobe. It prevents us from having any permanent peace and happiness in life and is accumulated through residing in Satan's cosmic system. It must be removed before we can receive divine blessing. At the moment of salvation, all Scar Tissue is removed from our souls, **Isa 43:22,25**. As believers, however we can re-accumulate Scar Tissue through our involvement in the cosmic system.

### **37. The Sealing Ministry of the Holy Spirit.**

The signature guarantee (or sealing) of the Holy Spirit has at least four meanings, **Eph 1:13-14**:

- 1) It is the Holy Spirit's guarantee of Efficacious Grace.
- 2) It is His guarantee of eternal salvation.
- 3) It is His guarantee of Eternal Security for the believer.

(At the moment of faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit seals that decision and guarantees that nothing could ever reverse it.)

- 4) It is His guarantee of our portfolio of invisible assets.

### **38. Deliverance from the Power and Influence of the Old Sin Nature.**

At the moment of faith in Christ, we are delivered from the power of the Old Sin Nature, **Rom 2:29, Phi 3:3, Col 2:11, Eph 4:22**. The Old Sin Nature no longer has to control us; we can instead be influenced by God the Holy Spirit through the Filling of the Spirit. When we sin, we are controlled by the Old Sin Nature. The rebound technique is the means by which we can escape the control of the Old Sin Nature, **1Jo 1:9**. The Word of God teaches that the entire human race is enslaved to sin, **Rom 7:14**. Everyone who commits sin is the slave to sin and resides in the slave market of sin, **Joh 8:34**. Only the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Son of God, can set us free from our slavery to sin, **Joh 8:36**. We are either a slave to Christ or a slave to the cosmic system of Satan.

### **39. The Distribution of Spiritual Gifts.**

Spiritual Gifts (not to be confused with the forty gifts) are designed to serve both God and other members of the Body of Christ, **1Co 12:7**. All Spiritual Gifts are a matter of grace! No gift is given based on God's foreknown merit of the believer. The Holy Spirit sovereignty gives Spiritual Gifts to each believer at the point of salvation. A Spiritual Gift is never earned, deserved, or developed through any form of works or emotional experience, **1Co 12:11**.

### **40. The Unlimited Atonement.**

The doctrine of the Unlimited Atonement states that the Lord Jesus Christ died for the sins of the entire human race -- past, present and future, **2Co 5:14-15, 1Ti 2:6, 4:10, Tit 2:11, 1Jo 2:2**. Christ paid for the sins of the entire human race and not just the elect, **Rom 5:6, 2Co 5:14-15,19, 1Ti 2:6, 4:10, Tit 2:11, Heb 2:9, 1Jo 2:2**. At the moment of salvation, the reality of the Unlimited Atonement guarantees us that we will never be judged for our sins.

### **Conclusion.**

The believer should be made aware of these forty gracious gifts as soon as possible after salvation, so that he can execute his options for spiritual growth and the glorification of God. These forty gifts, which we receive at salvation, are the basis for grace orientation, experiential sanctification, execution of the predesigned plan of God, and glorification of God in the Church-age.

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