

Romans: The Gospel

Under Grace

Romans 6:1-14

<p>Ever work in foodservice? McDonalds, Dunkin, Greasy floors, clothes, all of NYC</p>	<p>Drop of dish soap, surfactant, grease flees</p> <p>Today's scripture is that little bit of soap for our greasy hearts</p>
<p>:1</p> <p>What shall we say then? (Because of prev)</p> <p>Grace and its effects</p> <p>Grace - God's favor, kindness, blessing</p> <p>Sin, broken relationship - law, opposite of obedience</p> <p><i>We sin, and God is gracious with us</i></p> <p>Two responses: On a redeemed and repentant heart on an enslaved and stubborn heart</p> <p>A matter of logic (to sin or not to...) A matter of relationship (to maintain, allow)</p> <p>If then... If there's grace, the cold heart uses it as an excuse for sin If there's grace, the saved heart is motivated not to sin</p>	<p>The idea that our sin magnifies God's graciousness</p> <p><i>God's goodness is not relative to us</i></p> <p>Exemplified in the Age of Grace, Church Age, Pentecost - Rapture</p> <p>Jesus died, rose 2000 yrs ago, our response?</p> <p>Continue in sin?</p> <p>Our response reveals our relationship</p> <p>If our sin doesn't cease, it's evidence we don't know God</p> <p>Epimeno (interesting definition) To stay at or with, tarry, remain, in place, in the work of teaching, the blessing of</p> <p>The flesh will always choose sin The spirit will always choose obedience</p> <p>Both will use grace as the enabler Whichever it is, sin/ob, reveals the winner</p>
<p>This is why Bible <u>study</u> is important In context, in completion</p> <p>Act 20:27 - "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."</p> <p>Cherry picking verses Leads to wrong ideas Wrong relationship, wrong God</p> <p><i>The devil does this</i></p>	<p><i>making wood trim, pieces curled when cut out</i></p> <p>Strange ideas about Jesus, cults, how the Spirit works, what church is like</p> <p>All quickly cleared up even with a simple reading of the Bible</p> <p>Be careful to not read into the scripture but let it be read into us</p>

<p>Greasy grace is a problem</p> <p>Grace is for a covering, not a cover up</p> <p>1 Peter 4:8b “Love covers a multitude of sin”</p> <p>not hurt of others, or blatant, habitual sin</p> <p>Grace gives time and incentive To repent, to heal</p> <p>Grace doesn't give permission to continue</p> <p><i>“Silence in the face of manipulation is complicity”</i></p>	<p><i>Sinning and struggling, looking for help is different</i></p> <p><i>Than sinning practicing, looking for opportunity</i></p> <p>Pentecostal movement currently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noah's drunkenness, covering • David's exposure • Covering a cleaned wound to heal • Exposing wickedness for justice <p>Covering leads to life Cover up leads to death</p>
<p><i>“American pastors spent nearly a century making people comfortable and entertained. Conviction and correction were tossed out. As a result, America (Christians IMO) became like a child without discipline—disordered, unruly, and foolish.”</i> (Don't agree with him on other things, but good quote, Dale Partridge)</p> <p>“Law for me, grace for you” Not excuses for our failures, Hope for others'</p>	<p>Grace is the attitude of the heart more than the appearance of the action - the goal in mind</p> <p>Two people can beg for grace... one wants it to get out of trouble, free to go back to sin</p> <p>the other wants it to get out of sin, free from the trouble of the sin itself</p>
<p>:2-4</p> <p>Certainly...NOT!</p> <p><i>God forbid!</i></p> <p><u>Continuing in sin is the last thing intended by grace</u></p> <p>Grace is a measure to enable restoration, not separation</p> <p><i>To allow me to do what God bids, Not do what God forbids</i></p> <p>Born again means having died first</p>	<p>The old you, the one that liked, identified with, practiced, enjoyed, excused sin Is supposed to be dead</p> <p>The new you wants any help it can get to not sin, and stay alive -</p> <p>preservation of spirit, not self (flesh)</p> <p>If the new you is alive, and sin killed the old you, how could you live in it still?</p> <p>Pro 26:11 - As a dog returns to his own vomit, [So] a fool repeats his folly.</p> <p>Gal 5:24-25 - And those [who are] Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.</p>

The right perspective on sin and the old desires: not just dead, crucified

Testimonies, glorifying the old sin? Good old days? Or the death in it, and joy of new life

Baptism

not a religious act, personal identification with Jesus's death and resurrection

You want the old you to stay dead, and have Jesus' life be your new life

Have you been baptized?

If not, why not?

Is there a desire once you know what it is?

If not, I'd love to have a baptism!

What do couples do when they're in love?

They want to spend life together, get married

Marriage is about a new life together

Love leads to the ceremony & commitment

The ceremony & commitment reveal love

so why don't people get married? They love something else more...want to be with someone else, not be committed for one reason or another

**Baptism is the public display of a new life
Dead and born again, in love with Jesus**

**And what were we baptized into?
Jesus' death & resurrection**

**Since He's alive, we should live
alive**

:5-7

If we're united in likeness of death, same with life

Christian, life or death?

**For new things to live,
old things just die**

*You can't start a new job
until you leave the old one*

*you can't have a new relationship
until you end the old one*

When try, it only kills both

That's the freedom in Jesus

Freedom FROM sin
Freedom to live

The problem is, we still drag this body around

Rom 7:24 - O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Our spirit is now alive,
but it lives on in a corpse of sin

Spiritual zombies

Our battleground?

**The alive spirit vs.
the dead flesh**

**The flesh likes to pretend its alive
with religion, ritual, show, rules**

The spirit craves closeness, love, freedom

**Whichever you feed more will grow
Flesh of Goliath vs. Spirit with David**

<p>Rejoice, Christian!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when you fail, there's grace. • when you succeed, there's grace. <p>Grace is freedom from slavery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not to sin • From it <p>Slavery is an awful thing Ultimately no choice of your own</p> <p>God doesn't want slaves Not even servants But friends</p>	<p>Many Christians go from serving sin, to serving the law instead of being in a friendship with Jesus</p> <p><u>Their life may be better</u> <u>But their heart is bitter</u></p> <p>Yes, He's Lord, and we obey But because He's good, it's good It's life, not death</p> <p><i>Burnt out, rest!</i></p> <p><i>Craigslit rebuild/paint over rust</i></p>
<p>What slave, runs back to slavery?</p> <p>If we've tasted freedom, you want more...</p>	<p>and every heart wants freedom the deception is it's found anywhere other than grace</p>

<p>:8-10</p> <p>IF we died...did you? Your spirit, your old person, on the cross</p> <p>But your body hasn't reached death yet</p> <p>Heb 9:27 - And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,</p> <p>Grace - believer's judgment is not condemnation, but a victory reward</p> <p><i>Medals after a battle</i></p> <p>Grace gets you get to the finish line <i>Logan knowles running NYC marathon, was never supposed to walk, whole body froze up at the end, extreme pain, but his coach helped him</i></p> <p>Connecting flights, checked bag, running</p> <p>This body of sin and death could never finish the race without grace</p>	<p>Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.</p> <p>Grace is the glory in sanctification (being made holy)</p> <p><u>Grace is not your get out of jail free card</u></p> <p>Grace is prepaid credit card to refill your tank when you spent it all going the wrong way</p> <p>Your attitude about sin reveals your understanding of grace</p> <p>Your attitude about grace reveals your relationship with Jesus</p> <p>Jesus died - if that means something deep to you, you will hate sin and value grace</p> <p>Col 3:5a Therefore put to death your members [sin practices] which are on the earth</p>
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<p>Our response to grace is to use it to kill sin.</p> <p>When the flesh says yes. Through grace, we say no.</p> <p>“There, but for the grace of God, go I” English reformer John Bradford, in prison, when another man headed to the gallows</p> <p>Grace lets us see our condition And properly help others</p> <p>The difference between the spiritually dead and spiritually alive? Receiving of grace</p>	<p>Grace is having eternal life available now</p> <p>Life despite the dying</p> <p>1Co 15:54-55, 57 - So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where [is] your sting? O Hades, where [is] your victory?" ... But thanks [be] to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Grace is Jesus' victory given to us</p>
<p>Jesus became your sin, died your death, defeated death</p> <p>(rapture allows some to not even taste death)</p>	<p>Jesus is alive. Don't let death rule and ruin your life.</p> <p>Jesus lived to God. Grace allows us, too.</p>

<p>:11-14</p> <p>Paul says “we” before died with Christ. He knows it. Now you also</p> <p>When we see what the Bible tells us actually happened, we can't help but live like Jesus, like Paul, apostles, early Christians</p> <p>Maybe the church doesn't live like that because we've lost sight of what grace really is</p> <p>Reckon - Logizomai Compute, calculate, number, cunt up, judge, consider, infer</p> <p>The logical conclusion of actually being a Christian is being dead to sin</p> <p>“You're dead to me”</p>	<p>The Christian logically says because of Jesus, His Spirit, His Death, His Life</p> <p><u>I'm not doing that anymore</u></p> <p>That's where freedom is</p> <p>In not sinning - in the world apart from sin Not looking for freedom to excuse sin</p> <p>Or play around at the edges Or twist verses to allows it</p> <p>“The kindness of God leads us to repentance” Rom 2:4 (I call that grace!)</p> <p>Sin is gone, it's all I did, now I'm dead to it Now what?</p> <p><i>Looking at music in the Christian Book store in early years</i></p> <p>Anything and everything in life! Grace does the impossible</p>
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**Grace is the freedom to kill sin -
to not present yourself to it
anymore (you used to)**

Sin deceives us! Makes it seem like it's the gift to us, but we're the gift to it.

Sin gets us to present our bodies, minds, souls, futures, children...for sacrifice

**Where are you presenting yourself?
Are you present now?**

Christian on Sunday, but not on Monday

**Do you keep falling into sin?
Stop presenting yourself there!**

Do you keep gambling?
Stop going to the casino.

Do you keep getting drunk?
Stop going to the bar!

What is it for you? The Holy Spirit tells you
Don't go in there! Don't say that, don't go
down that memory road...

**2 Cor 10:5b ...bringing every thought into
captivity to the obedience of Christ,**

Joseph ran away

Dominion

Lord of, rule over, exercise influence upon,
have power over

**Not let it rule over us anymore
And it will**

Whoever rules over you, you will serve

voting machines, rigged system
The system of sin is rigged against you

**Sin is fun for a season,
but that season will end with suffering**

1Pe 5:8-9 - Be sober, be vigilant; because
your adversary the devil walks about like a
roaring lion, **seeking whom he may devour.**
Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing
that the same sufferings are experienced by
your brotherhood in the world.

It's by grace we are not devoured

The lion is toothless when sin doesn't rule

*When you're dead to sin
You can't be killed by it*

*When you're alive to God, you might be
tempted, but you don't want to sin
and when you do, your don't continue*

**The freedom of grace?
To present yourself before God**

**to receive life
Not to sin to receive death**

To present your body, your desires, your life,
your talents to God
As offerings, as a joy

Not your potential, your calling to sin,
to infect others to die
Sin shall not have **dominion** over you

**Does your sin rule your life still?
Seek grace and forgiveness to be
freed from it, To kill it**

Sin is a tyrant that uses the flesh to rule

*People who go along with the flow
Don't think critically
Just put their head down
Enable tyranny*

**But you, Christian
Are no longer ruled by a tyrant
You are loved by The King**

His law revealed it to you

but now, you are not under the law
but under grace

**The law puts a burden on your back
Grace puts the spring in your step**

**So don't jump back into sin
and under the law!**

Remember...

The law is for the sinner, to reveal judgment!
Grace is for the believer, to reveal blessing!

*Growing up in an affluent area
Kids in cars coming out of the HS
Don't know how good they have it*

**Grace makes you spiritually rich!
Do not waste it.**

**Grace grants us access to the
grace-giver**

Greatly to be Praised

*"Here I bow
Humbled that I'm allowed
Before the throne of God
The almighty King"*

Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

"Oh, for grace to trust Him more"

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*"Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely
dim*

In the light of His glory and grace"

**Where does grace come from?
How do we get it from God?**

**Jhn 1:16-17 - And of His fullness we have all
received, and grace for grace. For the law
was given through Moses, [but] grace and
truth came through Jesus Christ.**

Since Jesus already came
The favor grace gives you have already

Grace gives permission to live for Jesus

Live under grace