

God's Grace is Greater Than All Our Sin (Romans 3:1-20)

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(1) Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? (2) Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. (3) What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? (4) By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged."

(5) But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) (6) By no means! For then how could God judge the world? (7) But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? (8) And why not do evil that good may come?--as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

(9) What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, (10) as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; (11) no one understands; no one seeks for God. (12) All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." (13) "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." (14) "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." (15) "Their feet are swift to shed blood; (16) in their paths are ruin and misery, (17) and the way of peace they have not known." (18) "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

(19) Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. (20) For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. [Romans 3:1-20 ESV]

Practical Application

1. God's law is good, but God's Son is better! God's law is good, but God's grace is better!
2. If you grew up in a place that was influenced by Christianity, were baptized as a young child, and were raised learning the Bible you have been graciously blessed and privileged in a special way.
3. If you grew up with Christian parents who loved Jesus, the Bible, and the church you have been graciously blessed and are greatly advantaged.
4. God is good, gracious, faithful, merciful, loving, a revealer, a communicator, truthful, and perfect in all His ways.
5. God is a righteous, just, holy, loving, wise, knowledgeable, and a perfect judge.
6. We, in and of ourselves, apart from Jesus Christ, apart from grace, are unrighteous, deserving of God's wrath, condemned, sinners, corrupt, and evil.
7. All human beings are born under sin and are ignorant, unwise, do not seek God, live wrongly, are immoral, unethical, bad, hurtful, harmful with their words, deceitful, violent, ruinous, misery makers, instigators of conflict, and they do not fear God.
8. If it were not for God's grace unbelievers, this world, and even we would be far worse off. God shows common grace, special grace, saving grace, prevenient grace, and all kinds of grace. Respond to His grace today.
9. In and through Jesus Christ we can be graciously declared right and grow in righteousness, godliness, understanding, wisdom, knowledge, seek God genuinely and sincerely, follow Christ, mature morally, be doers of good, speakers of truth, and be a blessing to others. We can be honest, quick to love, speak life, give life, build up, bring happiness and joy to others, be peaceful and peacemakers, and wisely fear God.
10. God's law is good, but God's Son and His grace are better!
11. God holds us accountable. We are all ultimately accountable to God. We all need grace everyday.
12. God's law shows us our sin, but God's Son graciously saves us from sin.

13. We are justified before God by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.
14. Thank God for His grace each day. Be grateful for grace.
15. Become more gracious in the way you relate to people (friends, children, spouse, work associates, strangers, etc.) and yourself.
16. God's grace is greater than all our sin. "Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin."

Announcements

-Wednesday night Awana & Adult Small Group Bible Study is back this week from 6:30-7:30! Kids can eat dinner at 6.

-Global Missions Christmas Offering (Lottie Moon): Goal???????? Please be praying about what our goal should be. We will announce it next Sunday (December 3).

-Baby and Child Dedication: December 10th during morning worship. Please let Pastor Deric or Tiffany Vick know if you would like to be a part of this.

-Church business meeting: December 10th (12-12:30).