



True Grace Part 1

The Gospel is the message of His superabounding Grace. This is the way I like to simply put it: **Radical Grace is genuine Gospel.** This message is still being restraint in the majority of “Christianity” by those who promote themselves as “guardians of the truth” but are the first to say, “If too much grace is taught, it will make you live a sinful lifestyle.” Such individuals are brethren whom have yet to experience the truth that Paul taught in the New Testament, and are the same individuals who questioned Paul’s teaching on Grace in his day:

Romans 3:8

“And some people even slander us by claiming that we say, “The more we sin, the better it is.”

Such an accusation is quite typical when proclaiming the unadulterated Gospel of Grace. In fact, one of the most respected theologians, Dr. David Martyn Lloyd-Jones, made an interesting comment on the grace of God on his series of the book of Romans, and I quote:

- “There is no better test as to whether a man is really preaching the New Testament gospel of salvation than this, that some people might misunderstand it and misinterpret it to mean that it really amounts to this, that because you are saved by grace alone it does not matter at all what you do; you can go on sinning as much as you like because it will redound all the more to the glory of grace. That is a very good test of gospel preaching. If my preaching and presentation of the gospel of salvation does not expose it to that misunderstanding, then it is not the gospel...”

Paul was questioned many times of preaching too much grace. In fact, in the book of Romans, Paul himself raises the question twice:

Romans 6:1

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?”

Romans 6:15

“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?”

Firstly, ask yourself this: Why would Paul have to deal with this question in the book of Romans? The answer is because Paul had taught the Gospel of Grace in such a way that it was inevitable for someone to ask, “So are you saying I could go live in sin?” So now I say this to

you: If this question doesn't pop into your head when you hear a sermon at your church, then you are not listening to the same Grace that's in the Bible but an adulterated version of it.

Unless Grace is preached radically to the point people logically ask if they can sin more so grace can increase, then it's not the true Gospel (which it's not really radically but in perfect harmony.)

When someone preaches the true Gospel, it will sound like a very “radical” message, but don't be afraid my friend. It only sounds “radical” because we have been so use to listening to a “balanced” version, which is not really balanced, but, actually, a warped version of the true Grace.

Secondly, allow me to answer Paul's question above in Romans 6:1. The answer is:

-Of Course Not!

I'm not advocating anybody to go live in sin. I myself am totally against sinful living. However, what I am saying is **when** you sin, you have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ who has made us eternally righteous. Hallelujah!

-That's not right. You shouldn't say, 'when people sin, they will still be forgiven.' That's giving a license to sin!

My amigo, everyone will fail, it's just a matter of time when you will do something you will not be very proud of. Don't have a human concept of sin! If you're thinking that you haven't committed “big sins” but only “little sins” then let me tell you that it's all in the mix. **To Hershey's, whether it's a big chunk or a little chunk, it's still chocolate.** In like manner, whether it's a big sin or a little sin, you are still guilty of all [James 2:10]. Grace was given to us who constantly mess up. Grace only means something to someone who is messing up constantly, and when you do mess up, Grace will super abound because all your past, present, and future sins have already been forgiven by Christ.

License to sin? Of course not. My amigo, notice that people are already sinning without this so-called license, which you claim to be grace. But allow me to share with you that grace is the power to get people out of sin and into wholeness.

Romans 6:14

“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

Notice, that it is when you are under this Grace that sin will not have dominion over you. The message of the Gospel of Grace will never lead you to sin, but will make you fall in love with Jesus all over again. Jesus Himself can testify of this. To be continued in Part 2.

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