

GRACE GONE WILD!

GETTING A GRIP ON GOD'S AMAZING GIFT

"THE GRACE ESCAPE"

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

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Introduction: Today, we are beginning a new series on God's truly amazing gift of grace. In this series, we will examine the difference between "good grace" and "bad grace" in key areas of our life.

I. What Is Grace? (Ephesians 2:1-5, 8-10)

Ephesians 2:1-5, 8-10 ¹ "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast, ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

II. The Perversions Of Grace

A. Legalism (Galatians 1:8)

Galatians 1:8 "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!"

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B. Libertarianism (Romans 6:14-18)

John 3:36 “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

John 14:21 “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

Romans 6:1-2 ¹ “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?”

¹ John 2:4-5 ⁴ “The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.”

Romans 6:14-18 ¹⁴ “For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! ¹⁶ Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”

III. Good Grace versus Bad Grace (Romans 6)

Conclusion