

Grace and Truth Part 3
The Risks of Grace
Romans 6:1-23

“For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

Romans 6:14

Main Point: The Law cannot conquer sin, but grace triumphs over sin and death.

“Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.”

Romans 5:20

Realization #1: The grace of Jesus Christ to believers means death to sin. (6:1-7)

To come to Jesus Christ is the complete end to the sinful way of life. Yes, there will be slips, but they do not define us.

How do I come to the end of sin?

- Sin is not to be curbed or suppressed, it is to be crucified- that is, it is Jesus' work.
- To be at the end of sin means to be at the point of allowing the love of God to conquer the love of sin.
- Sanctification then is the *continual* and *progressive* growth in holiness.

Realization #2: The grace of Jesus Christ means sin's hold on our life is broken.
(6:8-14)

Jesus was not guilty of sin, so death had no right to hold Him permanently. Jesus will never again come under the power of death.

To count, consider or reckon ourselves dead to sin (6:11) and alive to Christ means we presently operate not under sin, but grace. Give no more response to sin than a dead man!

Realization #3: The grace of Jesus Christ frees us to serve and live in obedience.
(6:15-23)

“Jesus said... ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”

John 8:31-32

“In no uncertain terms, Jesus Christ assured His own that His truth was able to liberate them from every needless restriction.”

-Chuck Swindoll

Conclusion: Pour out grace freely to others as the undeserved privilege that it is, not like it is some sort of exclusive right.

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