

The Amazing Grace of God

Rom. 5:20-6:2

Introduction:

- A. Today's world needs the grace of God revealed in the Bible.
 - 1. Introduced into world gone to pot nearly 2,000 years ago.
 - 2. Met the problem of sin then - can do it now.
- B. Today's world needs to know two great facts about God's grace.

Discussion:

I. Grace Is God's Answer To Sin. (Rom. 5:20-21).

- A. Grace is cure for and not cause of condemnation. (Jn. 3:16-18).
 - 1. "Will man be lost because doesn't obey gospel?" - Lost already.
 - 2. "Will God condemn heathen who never heard of Christ?"
 - a. He is already condemned without excuse. (Rom. 1:20; 2:14; 5:13).
 - b. He had not lived up to own sense of right and wrong - conscience.
 - 3. "Will sick man die who never receives a cure?" - What kills him?
- B. Grace includes responsibility. (cf. Tit. 2:11,12).
 - 1. Does not free us from all law keeping. (Rom. 3:27; 8:2; Jas. 1:25; 2:12; 1 Cor. 9:21).
 - 2. Does not free us from acts in obedience.
 - a. Noah found grace, but obeyed. (Gen. 6:8,22; Heb. 11:7).
 - b. Ephesians saved by grace, but obeyed. (Eph. 2:8,10; Acts 19:1-3).
 - c. Romans saved by grace, but obeyed. (Rom. 6:4,17; 1:5; 16:26).
- C. Grace excludes boasting on our part. (Eph. 2:8,9).
 - 1. We do not earn salvation by good works. (Rom. 4:4,5)
 - a. Good cannot off set bad. - It takes blood of Christ.
 - b. Sin keeps us from meriting salvation. (Rom. 3:23; 6:23).
 - c. Sin cannot be redeemed by man - Christ paid it all. (Rom. 5:6-11)
 - 2. We do not merit salvation when we obey the gospel of Christ. (cf. Lk. 17:10).

II. Grace Is Not God's License To Sin. (Rom. 6:1-2).

- A. Christians who go on wilfully sinning insult the Spirit of grace. (Heb. 10:26-29)
 - 1. They receive the grace of God in vain. (2 Cor. 6:1).
 - 2. They fail of the grace of God. (Heb. 12:15; Gal. 5:4).
- B. Christians are to avoid sin, but if he sins he avails self of grace. (1 John 1:7-2:1).
- C. Christians cannot excuse themselves from strict obedience because of grace. (Lu. 17:10; 1 John 5:2-3).

Conclusion:

- A. To reject gospel is to reject the grace of God. (Gal. 1:6).
- B. To reject gospel is to remain lost in sin. (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Mk. 16:15,16).