The Nature of God's Grace
Rom. 5:20-6:2

Introduction:
A. Today's world needs the grace of God introduced into world nearly 2,000 years ago.
   1. It was introduced into a terrible world.
      b. Jewish world. (Rom. 2:1-3).
   2. It was equal to the challenge of that age. So, it is today.
B. Today's world needs to know two great facts about the nature of the grace of God.

Discussion:
   A. Grace is cure for condemnation, sin the cause of it. (cf. John 3:16-18).
      1. “Will God condemn one for rejecting gospel plan of salvation?” —He is condemned already.
      2. “Will God punish heathen who never heard of Christ?” — He is condemned already.
         b. No one has lived perfectly according to what he believed to be right.
      3. “Will sick man die because he does not receive proper treatment?” —What kills him?
   B. Grace is God's conditional answer to sin.
      1. Not grace without responsibility. (Tit. 2:11,12)
      2. Not grace without law. (Rom. 3:27; 8:2; Jas. 1:25; 2:12).
      3. Not grace without obedience.
         a. Noah found grace (Gen. 6:8), but had to obey. (Gen. 6:22; Heb. 11:7).
         b. Ephesians saved by grace (Eph. 2:8) but had to obey (Eph 2:10; Acts 19:1-3).
         c. Romans had received grace, but had obeyed. (Rom 6:4,17).
   C. Grace excludes boasting, since it is from God rather than ourselves.
      1. We do not merit salvation because of sin. (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)—No room for boasting.
      2. We do not earn salvation by good works. (Rom. 4:4,5)—No room for boasting.
      3. We do not pay for sin, Christ paid it all. (Rom. 5:6-11)—No room for boasting.

II. Grace Is Not God's License To Sin. (Rom. 6:1,2).
   A. Christians cannot willfully go on sinning without insulting Spirit of grace. (Heb. 10:26-29 NASV).
   B. Christians can fall from grace. (Gal. 5:4; Heb. 12:15).
   C. Christians cannot use grace as excuse for not keeping God's commandments (law). (Lk. 17:10; 1 John 5:2-3).
   D. Christians cannot remain in sin and be covered by grace.
      1. We do sin. (1 John 1:8,10).
      2. We must confess (involving repentance) sin. (1 John 1:9).

Conclusion:

1. To reject gospel is to reject grace of God. (Gal. 1:6).

2. To reject gospel is to remain lost in sin. (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Mk. 16:15-16).