

# GRACE

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## INTRODUCTION

1. TEXT Romans 3:23-6:15
2. This is not all there is about grace but I hope to get a very important point across in this sermon. 2 Corinthians 8:1, 9
3. Grace means unmerited favor, or getting what we need rather than what we deserve.
4. We want to get a better understanding of Grace.

## II Discussion

- A. All have sinned and all are justified by grace. 3:23-24
  1. Acts 15:11 say the same thing.
  2. Man sins have caused a gap between him and God. Isaiah 59:1-2 This gap needs to be bridged. It cannot be done by man. Jeremiah 10:23
  3. This bridge was gapped by God giving his Son for us. vs 25
- B. Salvation is by faith and grace. 4:16
  1. Faith is man's part but it is not meriting salvation. Titus 3:5
  2. Repentance is faith turning. Confession is faith speaking. Baptism is faith acting. The Christian life is faith living.
  3. Romans 5:1-2 helps us understand this.
- C. Grace is a free gift. Romans 5:15
  1. Christ left the splendors of heaven so that we might have remission of sins. John 3:16; Romans 5:6-9
  2. Christ gave His life they did not take His life.
    - a. Romans 3:25 propitiation means He died in our stead. He took our place.
  3. This is the grace that the church in Macedonia knew. 2 Corinthians 8:1, 9
- D. Can grace outpace sin? 5:20-6:2
  1. Abound has two meanings one means to fill and the other means to overflow. Sin abounds but grace reaches beyond.
  2. Should we sin just to see how far grace can go. No We should be dead to sin. Romans 6:1-2
  3. We have changed our life so that we are trying to live for Christ, thus we are not trying to sin but do what is right. When we miss then this is the grace of God.
  4. Yet we must keep trying to live the Christian's life.

## III Conclusion

1. The grace of God is very important to our salvation.

2. When we have a better understanding of the grace of God we will have no problem doing what God has said to do.
3. Will you do what God said do?

Source: 1987 sermon