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Abounding Grace

ROMANS 5:15–21

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the

one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:21-22

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

JOHN 5:28-29

Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

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THINK ABOUT

These verses explain how sin and death entered our world.

Adam and Christ are compared and contrasted.

Note the differences between the impact of Adam’s sin and the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

God’s grace is greater than our sin: “But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (v. 20).

Note the contrast between the “one” and the “many.”

APPLY

All of us, without exception, will die (unless Christ returns during our lifetime). Therefore, we must be prepared to meet God.

“The abundance of grace” (vv. 17, 20) is a great encouragement for followers of Jesus.

Sin can be powerful in your life, but God’s grace is greater!

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ASK

Trace the differences between Adam and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Do you ever presume on God's grace? For example, have you ever deliberately committed a sin and thought, "I can always get forgiveness after I've sinned"?

What would you say to someone who has that consistent approach to grace and sin?

PRAY

Thank God for the free gift "leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (v. 21).

Praise God that you are no longer under His condemnation but through faith in Christ have received eternal life.



"All About Grace" — *Asbury*

