

Grace Unlimited!

God's grace is great: We say it, we sing it, we believe it. Yeah – but sometimes doubts creep in, don't they? Is God's grace *great enough* to save me? Does He *really* love me? Is grace for *everyone*???

1. Grace Unlimited...in its Scope!
2. Grace Unlimited...in its Strength!
3. Grace Unlimited...in its Sufficiency!

*Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured –
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

*Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

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1. Romans 5.12-21 is important theologically. Let's begin with the *bad news*. What resulted from Adam's sin (12)? How extensive was the effect? Did people sin and die before the Law (13-14)? What did the Law do? [The Greek word translated 'imputed' in v13 is only used one other time in the NT, in Philemon 18, and means 'to charge to one's account.' Paul's idea is that the Law provided an 'itemized list' of sins.] Since the Fall in the Garden of Eden, what has been the condition of all mankind?
2. Romans 5.15-17 are where God's 'free grace' explodes on the landscape of human sin and death. How did we end up in this condition? How do we escape it? What kind of life did Adam's action 'condemn' us to? What did Jesus Christ's action make possible for us? What *reigned* (controlled us) as a result of sin? What *reigns* in the lives of those who "receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness" (v17)?
3. Focus on Romans 5.18-19 for a minute. Adam's *transgression* (sin) resulted in all mankind being condemned to life marked by a sin nature, leading to death. For how many of those who were so 'condemned' did Christ die? The phrase *justification of life* means that both justification (being *declared righteous*) and new life (progressively being made righteous) are available for all who believe in Jesus as a gift of God's grace!
4. Romans 5.20-21 declare a wonderful truth, and create an issue Paul goes on (in Rom. 6) to solve: What is more powerful, sin, or grace? Does it matter whether a person has sinned a little, or a lot? Is God's grace hampered *in any way* (or hindered in its effectiveness) by the worst sinner, or the worst sin? What is the 'goal' of God's grace in the life of a believer in Jesus Christ? What does God want to *reign* in our lives?