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Grace in the Book of Romans

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The grace of God is powerfully revealed and described in the story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, and nowhere is the grace of God more eloquently explained than in the book of Romans.



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1. Introduction to Grace in Romans

In this introductory lesson, Mike looks at a key passage in the first chapter that summarizes the entire epistle.

Intro - Many say that Romans 1:16 summarizes both the book of Romans as well as the entire Bible.

The Bible is about the _____,

but the heart and soul of the Gospel is about God's ______.

The Gospel contains ______ because it teaches about ______.

I. Outline of Romans

1. Renouncing of Grace – Romans 1:1–3:20

2. Response of Grace - Romans 3:20-7:25

3. Request of Grace - Romans 8:1-39

4. Refusal of Grace - Romans 9:1-11:36

5. Result of Grace – Romans 12:1-16:27

II. Defining Grace

Definitions and misconceptions of Grace.

1. A Basic Definition

Eleo = Mercy _____

Titus 3:4-7 _____

2. Misconceptions

1. Roman Catholic - Grace as a commodity

2. Pelagianism - 4th Century

3. Calvinism - Predestination/Election

4. Legalism - Thermometer Grace

III. Grace: Summary Definition

2. Renouncing of Grace: Part 1

Paul begins his epistle by explaining the universality of sinfulness and how it has affected mankind. (Romans 1)

Intro - Review

In the first section of Romans, Paul shows how all men need Christ by showing that all mankind is guilty of sin.

I. Universalism

Pluralism_____

Denominational Christianity _____

These ideas are easy to understand and comforting but don't work for two reasons:

1. They are ______

2. They are			
4:12			

II. The Fall from Grace

In Romans 1-3, Paul describes mankind's true condition – fallen from grace.

1:18			
1:19-20			
1:21-23			
1:24-25			

Natural Progression of sin:
Refusal to
Refusal to
Creation of
Downward plunge
In an historical sense the process is as follows:
Grace
Theological Fall
Philosophical Fall
Moral Fall
This process is cyclical in nature in the Old Testament as well as modern times:
Old Testament
Modern History

When the cycle reaches to "moral fall" levels, three things are near:

- The end of the moral fall.
- The beginning of a new period of grace.

Paul is describing this cycle of history and how all human beings are caught up in it.

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3. Renouncing of Grace: Part 2

Paul continues to describe the basis for the universal condemnation of mankind. (Romans 2:1-3:12)

Intro – Review	 	
God's original expression of grace		
The initial fall of man		

Romans chapter 1 describes the process of the fall.

A.	Man refuses	fall
B.	Man refuses	fall
C.	Man worships	fall
D.		fall
E.	Renewal expression of	

The Cycle of History

F.	Expression of	-
G.		fall
H.		fall
I.		fall
J.	Renewal expression of	-

One point not mentioned was that God's renewed expressions of grace always _____

Genesis 3:15		
II Thessalonians 1:6-10		

I. God's Method of Judgment - Romans 2

In Chapter 2, Paul describes how God will judge every person.

A.	The Jews
B.	The Gentiles
Vs. 5-7	7
Vs. 9-1	3

Paul explains that the judgment is based <u>not</u> on the sophistication and clarity of the rule we have (Principle only/Revealed Law) but rather how we <u>respond</u> to what we have.

Vs. 14-16

Vs. 17-29

II. Universal Condemnation- 3:1-18

Vs. 1-8- Paul explains that even though the Jews had revealed knowledge, they did no better than the Gentiles in responding.

Vs. 9-18- Paul summarizes universal condemnation due to all, something spoken of by the prophets in the Old Testament.

The tribesman in the Amazon will be condemned. Why?

- 1. He could ______
- 2. He did not

3. God assures us that _____

But what if someone did? What would happen?
Hebrews 11:6
Summary
1. All men
2. All are condemned because no one escapes judgment because of:
3. The conclusion
Unless we accept Paul's teaching on the Universality of sin and condemnation:
A. We cannot appreciate
B. The Great Commission

C. We begin to appreciate _____

4. Response of Grace: Part 1

In this lesson, Mike explains how God has responded to man's rejection of God's initial offer of grace. (Romans 3:21-25a)

Intro - Key ideas so far in Romans

1.	God's initial expression of grace
2.	Man's rejection of Grace
3.	Cycle of failure
4	Cod's plan to save man
4.	God's plan to save man
•	All will be judged and condemnation awaits the guilty
•	How does God respond to man's rejection of His initial offer of grace?

Coloss	sians 1:16
	ssalonians 4:13-18
	er 3:10-13
Jesus	is first and last
I. Res	ults of Sin
1.	Destroys intimacy with God
2.	Deprives us of True Freedom

II. Man's Reaction to Sin

1. Denial 2. Rationalization 3. Procrastination 4. Delusion_____ 5. Diving in _____

III. Righteousness by Faith - 3:21-25a

What God had done through Christ to solve the problem of universal sin.

Key words in a key passage: Law (vs. 21) Righteousness (vs. 21) Faith (vs. 22) Glory (vs.23) Justified (vs. 24) Grace (vs. 24) Redemption (vs. 24) Propitiation (vs. 25)

5. Response of Grace: Part 2

This section of Romans contains the reason why and the method how God's grace was revealed to sinful man. (Romans 3:21-31)

Intro - In the previous lessons we studied how Paul summarized man's spiritual and moral condition.

In our lesson we will study the text where Paul presents the essence of the Gospel message.

I. Text - Romans 3:21-25

vs. 21_____

vs. 22a_____

vs. 22a-23 _____

"Falling short of glory," means not worthy of God's praise or approval. This is so because: All are

N		
No one		
All efforts are		
All efforts are		
-		
vs. 24-25a		

II. Text - Romans 3:25b-31

vs. 25b-26 God's second offer of grace demonstrates two things about God:

His _____

That God is _____

What about the Law?

97
vs. 27
vs. 28
vs. 29-30
V3. 27 50
Do we abolish Law (Mosaic/principle) if we accept salvation by faith?
vs. 31
There is a sequence to the response people have to Gods Law.
The Law reveals
The Law condemns

Man responds in different ways to the revelation and condemnation of the Law.

Ignore		
Dive		
Obey		
Hypocrites		
Slaves		
Depressed		
Seekers		

6. Response of Grace: Part 3

In this class, we look at the Law and Abraham as we begin chapter 4 of Romans. We'll also take a short 6 question "Faith Check" quiz. (Romans 4)

Initial expression of Grace _____

Man's Response _____

God's Response

God pays _____

God pronounces _____

God proclaims _____

What about the Law?

I. Abraham and Righteousness - 4:1-25

vs. 1-3			
vc 1 0			
vs. 4-8		 	
vs. 9			
vs. 10			
11.10			
vs. 11-12	 	 	

vs. 13-17	 	 	
Vs. 18-22			
Vs. 23-25			

Summary - Faith Check

#1.	Yes	No	Not Sure
#2	Yes	No	Not Sure
#3	Yes	No	Not Sure
#4	Yes	No	Not Sure
#5	Yes	No	Not Sure
#6	Yes	No	Not Sure
			(See Me)

How did you do on the Faith Check? Do you need help to strengthen your faith?

Yes____ No____

(See Me)

7. Response of Grace: Part 4

In this lesson, Paul answers a third question concerning salvation: "What does salvation give me?" (Romans 5)

Intro - After setting forth the message of the gospel, Paul answers 4 hypothetical questions that might arise as a result of his teaching.

Question #1 - What about the Law?

Question #2 - What about Abraham?

Question #3 - What does salvation give me?

Chapter 5 is devoted to answering this question. Salvation provides:

_____vs 1-2a

_____vs 2b-4

,	vs 5
How?	
	Romans 8:26
	Acts 9:31
	Ephesians 4:30
I Thessalonians 5:19	
	vs 6-10
	vs 11
In the Bible God is the one who does something in	order to change man's condition.
	vs 12-21

vs 12-14_____

Adam's sin was great because:

Adam was a "type" of Christ – vs. 15-17

<u>Adam</u>

•

<u>Christ</u>

- Original
- OriginalHead
- Head
- Channel
- Channel

vs 18-19_____

vs 20a_____

vs 20b-21 _____

Summary

Paul proclaims that we are saved by faith and makes no apology for this message by listing the very great blessings that come with this salvation.

 with God
 with God
 with God
 from God
 with God
 with God

8. Response of Grace: Part 5

Paul continues to answer questions that his readers might ask concerning what he has written. In this section, he answers the possible question "if compliance to rules cannot save me, why should I even try?" (Romans 6:1-14)

Review - Key Ideas:
Original Offer of Grace
Rejection of this offer
Renewed expression of Grace
Paul answers questions.

I. A New Attitude - 6:1-14

Paul asks the same questions twice and gives his readers two different answers.

The Historical Answer- 6:1-14
If grace is always bigger than sin, why
You cannot purposefully enjoy sin anymore because you've died to it in many ways: vs. 2-12.
The Death of
The Death of
The Death of
The Death of

In Baptism the rule of sin is broken in four different way:

	Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:2
	Galatians 3:26
	P 0.10
	Romans 8:13
	Acts 2:47
The Death of	

Summary

The original question was, "Why not continue to sin in order to generate more grace since grace increases to cover larger and larger sins?"

9. Response of Grace: Part 6

Paul continues with his answer to the question, "If I am under grace, why should I try to obey the Law?" In this section, he will respond to this question from an experiential instead of an historical perspective. (Romans 6:15-23)

Intro – Review - Key Ideas: After presenting the gospel message (saved by grace through faith) Paul goes on to answer several possible questions that might arise on account of his teaching.

I. An Experiential Change – Romans 6:15-23

Paul again poses the original question but answers it from a different perspective. vs. 15

The new experience of "eternal life" is made up of different elements:

Vs. 17-18	
N 40	
Vs. 19	
Vs. 20	
Vs. 21	
Vs. 22 Paul compares the old experience of sin to the r	new experience of eternal life which brings:
Vs. 23	
V3. 23	
The reason I pursue righteousness is that it	me with the experience
of being to	in a way that I have never had before.
On the other hand, pursuing brings me _	away from God.
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II. Our Question
We have a question that the Jews didn't ask Paul.
Our question today is?
In other words, "if I'm under grace, what good are my good works?"
There are many types of good works and many reasons to do them:
Pragmatism
n.: J.
Pride
Nobility
Evidence of Faith

Works motivated by faith in Christ have certain qualities:

They are done as a _____

You can tell the difference between works motivated by grace & those motivated by other things:

Summary: ____

10. Saved yet Struggling

Paul breaks off his general discussion on grace in order to focus on his personal struggle with sin. (Romans 7)

Intro - In Chapter 7, Paul asks the questions,

"If I am saved and under grace, why do I continually struggle with sin?"

I. Struggling

In Chapter 6, Paul explains that we are resurrected to a new "life" in baptism, but that new life is not without its problems and struggles.

There are two views on chapter seven. One, that Paul was speaking of his former life, the other that he described his present circumstances. I believe he was speaking of his present condition for two reasons.

Chapter 7 could be entitled, "Saved, yet struggling."

Chapter 7 describes _____

Chapter 8 describes _____

The essential proble	em that Christians face that Paul des	cribes is the following:
The Law no longer _	us but it still	us.

vs. 1-6 – Paul explains the idea of being free from the Law.

vs. 7-12 – He explains that the Law hasn't failed.

In vs. 13-23, Paul will describe his personal struggle as a saved spirit dwelling inside a sinful flesh. vs. 14-17 – Paul notes several things about his personal struggle.

vs. 18-23 – The Apostle describes the outcome of his struggle.

vs. 24 – The summary

vs. 25	– The solution is twofold:
	Jesus
	Acceptance
Lesso	
This is	
The st	ruggle is
Codu	:11
God w	III

11. The Request of Grace

Paul explains what this grace demands and how that very same grace enables us to meet those demands. (Romans 8)

Intro - Chapter seven explained the struggle every Christian experiences as a regenerated spirit dwells within the confines of a sinful flesh. Chapter eight Paul explains what grace demands of us.

I. The Request of Grace

Grace demands and empowers at the same time.

It demands _____

It provides 2 things to enable us to this:

In today's language "justified" means _____

In Biblical language 'justified" means _____

The first seven chapters of Romans explain how God accomplished this justification and why.

Grace demands that you live a spiritual life and now	v that you're "justified," you can so. Why?
2. Grace provides for	8:2-39
Justification is a <u>one-time</u> event.	
The "growth process" is called sanctification.	
The growth process is called salicultation.	
In vs. 2-39, Paul explains how the Holy Spirit works	to accomplish sanctification with us:
The Spirit	vs. 2-10
The Spirit	vc 11
The Spirit	VO. 11

The Spirit	vs. 12-14	
The Spirit	vs. 15-25	
The Spirit	vs.26-27	
Summary		
What does this mean for you?		
You are	in Christ.	
You are	in Christ.	
To receive your blessings		

12. The Refusal of Grace

Paul answers a critical question concerning the Jews - "Why weren't the Jews saved?" (Romans 9-11)

Intro - In chapters 7-8 Paul describes how God provides for saved people even though they are sinners.

In chapters 9-11 Paul answers questions about the Jews.

I. Chapter 9

Why did the Jews fail to obtain salvation? Did the Law fail them?

Vs. 6-8_____

Rebekah - vs. 9-13 _____

Moses - vs. 14-15

Pharaoh - vs. 16-17 _____

The Saved - vs. 19-29 _____

Why did the Jews fail?

They tried to obtain salvation _____

They rejected _____

II. Chapter 10

Salvation has always been by faith.

vs. 8-11_____

vs. 16-21_____

III. Chapter 11

Has God or the word failed in protecting the people of God?

Many Jews were saved.

Romans 1:28	
Romans 11:7-10	
vs. 11-24	
A prophecy is revealed- vs. 25-32	
The Jews will	
vs. 25-27	
God's word has <u>not</u> failed the Jews.	

Doxology - vs. 33-36

Summary

Why did the Jews fail to obtain Grace/Salvation? Did the Law/Word fail them?

The word			
The Jews			
God's word			
The Jews			
God's word			

13. The Result of Grace

Paul concludes his teaching on grace by describing the final results in a person's life after being saved by faith in response to God's grace. (Romans 12-16)

Intro - Romans 12:1-2 is a summary statement.

Chapters 12-16 describes what the transformations caused by grace looks like in everyday life.

I. Marks of transformation - 12:3-14:13

Humility - 12:3-8_____

Love

_____vs. 9a

 _vs. 9
 _vs. 10-13
 _vs. 14
 _vs. 15
 _vs. 16
_vs. 17-21

Submission - 13-14

Submission is an obvious trait of one who knows God.

Submission is a learned virtue.

Submission to General Authority - 13:1-7 _____

Submission to Neighbors - 13:8-14 _____

Submission to Brethren - 14:1-15:13

II. Final Exhortations

1. Just		<u>Chapter 15:14-21</u> !		
		Chapter 15:22-33		
3	and	Chapter 16:1-27		

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