

Amazing Grace Part 2: The Other Side of Grace

I. We Are Not Under Law, But Under Grace

- 1) Under the law
 - The time frame from Moses to Jesus
- 2) Under grace
 - The time frame from Jesus to present-day

Romans 6:1-14 NIV

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

II. Grace Is Unmerited Favor

- 1) Unmerited:
 - We can't earn, deserve, or work our way to something.
 - It is freely given.

III. Grace Is Multifaceted

- 1) In some scriptures it means unmerited favor.
- 2) In other scriptures it means divine enablement (anointing) or the power of God.

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

- 3) Grace and power are connected.
 - God's power is made stronger in our weakness.
- 4) Helpful keys:
 - Allow the power of God to help us in every area of our life.
 - Don't do life solely out of our own ability.

IV. Keys to Grace

- 1) Follow grace.
 - We are graced to do certain things in certain seasons.
 1. Notice when grace is shifting and follow it.
- 2) Access grace.
 - Where God guides, He will provide.
 1. Believe we have the grace of God.
 2. Speak like we have the power of God.
 3. Act like it is ours.
- 3) Grow in grace.
 - Break out of self-dependency and rely completely on God.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.