Law & Grace

Part 4 (What about Grace?)

What is Grace?

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NASB95)

8 For by <mark>grace</mark> you have been saved through <mark>faith</mark>; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

9 not as a result of **works**, so that no one may boast.

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Romans 5:1–2 (NASB95)

1 Therefore, having been <mark>justified</mark> by faith, we have <mark>peace with God</mark> through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Grace vs. Mercy

Matthew 9:13 (NKJV)

13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire **mercy** and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Hosea 6:6 (NKJV)

6 For I desire **mercy** and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Romans 12:1–2 (NASB95)

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the **mercies** of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Are we then free to do anything that we want?

Romans 6:15–18 (NASB95)

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! **16** Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God that though **you were slaves of sin**, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Galatians 5:19–21 (NASB95)

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,
21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:13 (NASB95)

13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (NASB95)

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,
10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 Such were some of you; but <mark>you were washed</mark>, but <mark>you were sanctified</mark>, but <mark>you were justified</mark> in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.