



The Kingdom Perspective

Your Sin vs. God's Grace

Hello, this is Pastor Don Willeman of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to The Kingdom Perspective.

Your sin is no match for the riches of God's grace. Where sin abounds, grace super-abounds!

You may be overwhelmed by the seriousness of your sin and the debt you owe God's justice. You may be filled with shame at the spiritual and moral crimes you've committed. You may be embarrassed for your continued struggle against sin and its effects in your life. But at the very moment that you put your faith in Jesus's work for you on the cross, at that very moment, all the riches of heaven were transferred into your account. In the words of St. Paul, God blessed you "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). In yourself you were a pauper in the kingdom of sin, but in Christ you've become a prince in the kingdom of heaven, with all the riches of your Savior now at your disposal.

God in His grace spared absolutely no expense when He chose to redeem you. He was under no obligation to redeem you. But when He freely chose to do so He broke the bank. He did not redeem us with the leftovers of His love. He did not redeem us with the hand-me-downs of heaven. Rather, He found the most valuable thing that He had, His beloved Son in whom His soul delights, and He gave Him freely, fully and gladly for us.

This is why we sing of "amazing grace" and "amazing love". Though we see echoes of such love in this world, they are but echoes, dim reflections of a love that is essentially foreign to this world, but overflowing from the throne of Christ.

Christian, God demonstrates His own unique love for you in that while you were still a sinner, Christ died for you (Romans 5:8).

Something to think about from The Kingdom of Heaven.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved."

~ **Ephesians 1:3-6 (ESV)**

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