

Demands of Grace
"Amazing Grace"
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Scripture: John 8:1-11

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

#1 SHE WAS CAUGHT IN HER SIN.

A. Sin "catches" us.

B. Sin shames us.

#2 SHE WAS CONDEMNED FOR HER SIN.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 22:22-24 says, "If a man is found sleeping with another man's wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die. You must purge the evil from Israel. ²³ If a man happens to meet in a town a virgin pledged to be married and he sleeps with her, ²⁴ you shall take both of them to the gate of that town and stone them to death—the young woman because she was in a town and did not scream for help, and the man because he violated another man's wife. You must purge the evil from among you.

A. God does condemn sin, not condone it.

B. We need to understand how seriously God takes sin.

C. The law reveals to us the very holiness of God.

D. The law reveals to us our very need for a Savior.

Scripture: Romans 7:7-25 says, "⁷ Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet."^[u] ⁸ But sin used this command to arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power. ⁹ At one time I lived without understanding the law. But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life, ¹⁰ and I died. So I discovered that the law's commands, which were supposed to bring life, brought spiritual death instead. ¹¹ Sin took advantage of those commands and deceived me; it used the commands to kill me. ¹² But still, the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good.

¹³ But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how

terrible sin really is. It uses God's good commands for its own evil purposes. ¹⁴ So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶ But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. ¹⁸ And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.^[b] I want to do what is right, but I can't. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰ But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God's law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power^[c] within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

E. The motives of the religious leaders were all wrong.

- They were trying to trap Jesus, not seek out His wisdom.
- They were self-righteous.
- There was no true love or concern for the woman.

#3 JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE US FROM OUR SIN!

A. Jesus will stand with you when everybody else has walked away.

B. God's amazing grace and truth can be seen in this very moment.

C. The New Covenant of Grace empowers us to be and do what the Old Covenant Law could not.

D. Under grace, Jesus doesn't do away with holiness in our lives, He actually expects it.

E. Under grace, we aren't given a license to sin, but the power to triumph over it!

Scripture: Jude 1:3-4

Scripture: Romans 5:15-17

Scripture: Romans 5:20

Scripture: Romans 6:1-2

F. Grace calls us out of our sin, not leave us in it; It's the demands of HIS
Amazing grace!