



Purpose

To show that:

- **Limits are God-ordained and good**, rooted in creation and God's commands.
- **Human sin rebels against limits**, bringing consequences.
- **Christ provides unlimited grace**, removing the greatest limits caused by sin—separation from God and death.

Key Themes & Concepts

The Nature of Limits

- We live with limits daily (phone numbers, laws, guardrails).
- Limits feel negative only when they oppose our desires.
- God's limits may appear arbitrary when we do not see their purpose.

Key Idea

Limits are not punishments; they are protections and gifts.

God-Ordained Limits in Creation and Command

1. In Creation

- Humans are finite: cannot fly, breathe underwater, live without food, etc.
- Male/female design includes distinct capabilities and limits.
- In Genesis 1, God calls these created limits **"very good."**

2. In Command

- Adam was given one limit: do not eat of one tree.
- God's moral law defines righteous boundaries for life.
- Limits are meant for **human flourishing**, not restriction.

Consequences of Crossing Limits

- Adam and Eve's sin brought death, exile, and distance from God.
- At Sinai, the people were not allowed to touch the mountain.
- Moses could not look at God's face and live.
- Human life itself is limited—days numbered by God (Job 14; Psalm 139).
- Because of the fall, we naturally view limits as oppressive and rebel.



Application

When we sin, we violate God's limits. When we exceed physical limits, we break ourselves.

Unlimited Grace in Christ

Why grace is needed

- Our **greatest limit**: we cannot remain within God's limits because we are **dead in sin** (Eph 2:1).
- We are **slaves to sin** apart from Christ (Rom 6:16).

What unlimited grace means (and does NOT mean)

- Not "I can sin all I want."
- Not "God will give me whatever I want."
- It means:
 - **The barriers to God—sin and death—are removed in Christ.**
 - Christ fulfilled every limit perfectly on our behalf.
 - Where sin increased, **grace increased far more** (Rom 5:18–21).

Future hope

- Death's limit is replaced with **eternal life**.
- In the new creation:
 - We still have limits as glorified humans.
 - But no sin, no suffering, no separation from God.
 - Full fellowship with God (Rev 21:3–4).

Key Scripture References

- Genesis 1–3
- Exodus 19
- Job 14:1–6
- Psalm 139:16
- Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:16
- Ephesians 2:1
- Romans 5:18–21; 6:16
- 1 Corinthians 15:42–44