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This is Grace

Some Christians suggest that having God’s grace means we’re free to continue in sin and we won’t be judged for it. But what does the New Testament say?”

Have you ever heard someone say that the Old Testament was under the law but then after the cross we are under grace? Well, what does that mean? What *is* grace?

Think about what grace means to you. ... Now let’s examine some New Testament Scriptures.”

1 Corinthians 5:1-5

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus [His Hebrew name being Yeshua] and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus [Yeshua], you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

Wow. Removed from their midst and even delivered over to Satan. Does that sound like grace to you? It must be, 'cause that's what they were under, right?

Acts 5:1-10

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.” When Ananias heard

these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

Wow! Ananias and Sapphira lied to the church concerning the money from their sold property. Peter then said that they were not lying to man but to the Holy Spirit, and then they were struck dead!

Really? Struck dead?!? Is that grace?

James 5:9

Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be **judged**; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

"Don't grumble against one another, or you will be **judged**"? Does that sound like grace? It must be, 'cause that's what we're under...right?

Galatians 1:9

As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be **accursed**.

Being accursed is grace?"

Hebrews 10:26-31

For if **we** go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the **adversaries**. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Wow. Believers who are deliberately disobedient will be consumed **with** the adversaries of God? Does that sound like grace to you? It must be, 'cause that's what we're under.

So, what is grace? That's a big question. Perhaps a better question is, what is grace *not*?

Grace is NOT a license to sin, nor is it a license to overlook sin.

Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

For more on understanding grace and how it relates to the law of God instead of opposing it, we would recommend the teaching “[Grace, Faith, and Obedience – Understanding the Relationship](#).”

We hope you have enjoyed this study.

Remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom

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