

Greater Grace

Romans 5:12-21

Adam

The whole race is contaminated by sin.

Jesus Christ

The whole race is touched by grace.

God's grace is always greater than man's sin.

We can have confidence in the superiority of God's grace in our lives today.

The influence of Adam's sin

1. Sin entered the world through Adam's disobedience.

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 5:12

“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” **Genesis 2:16-17**

2. Sin increased—even under the law.

The influence of Adam's sin

for before the law was given, sin was in the world. **Romans 5:13**

The purpose of the law was to make men aware of how sinful they were and how much they needed a Savior.

*The law was added so that the trespass might increase. **Romans 5:20***

3. Sin culminates in death to all men.

The influence of Adam's sin

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Romans 5:12

We are not all guilty of sin
because of Adam's sin.

***We are all under a death sentence
because of Adam's sin.***

Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

Romans 5:14

***The reason that death is in the world
is because Adam sinned
and was separated from the tree of life.***

***Paul makes the analogy and comparison
between Adam and Christ
to show the superiority of grace.***

***Just as sin entered the world
through Adam's disobedience,
Grace entered the world
through Christ's obedience.***

*But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! **Romans 5:15***

*And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! **Philippians 2:8***

*The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, **Romans 5:20***

*For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. **Rom. 5:17***

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies **John 11:25***

*And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. **1 Cor. 15:17-19***

*But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. **1 Corinthians 15:20-22***

*Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:54-57***

*The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 5:20-21***

Three applications for us from the doctrine of Greater Grace

- 1. There is no sin I commit that cannot be forgiven.**

Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit

To ultimately and definitively resist the conviction of the Holy Spirit in your life and insist on going apart from God into judgement and hell.

The act of willfully opposing the Holy Spirit's guidance and power.

- A hardened heart that resists the Holy Spirit's guidance
- A rejection of Christ and God's salvation
- A refusal to repent and accept forgiveness
- A conscious and deliberate opposition to the known truth

Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit

Placing our own words into the mouth of the Holy Spirit. "God's Spirit is saying..."

All the while, presuming to speak on behalf of the Holy Spirit

Focus and meditate on the Power of God's Grace

1. Read and list all the promises of God's forgiveness.

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

Psalm 103:12-13

*"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. **Isaiah 1:18***

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9***

You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” Hebrews 8:12

2. Pray specifically.
3. If possible, make restitution.

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Luke 19:8

And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:15-16

4. Pray positively, claim God’s promise to forgive.

2. There is no temptation that I will encounter that cannot be conquered.

Three applications for us from the doctrine of Greater Grace

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— **Jude 1:24**

“Temptation has a way of blinding us from the consequences of sin.” —Chuck Swindoll

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-8

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. **1 John 4:4 (KJV)**

3. There is no opposition that we may encounter that cannot be conquered.

Three applications for us from the doctrine of Greater Grace

But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me. **1 Corinthians 16:8-9**

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 16:18-19