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## God's Grace – Pt 2 In Christ grace brings liberty from the law

This is our second study on the topic of God's grace. In our first teaching we established that – the grace of God is in Christ, the grace of Christ is where He who was rich became poor that we through His poverty might be rich, and God's grace is available to man through the gospel of grace. In this our second study we establish that the lost person accesses God's abundance of grace by faith, when they receive His gift of grace they live under grace, only use not this grace to sin.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. The lost person accesses God's abundance of grace –

#### a) by faith

"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom.5: 2). See also – Rom.4: 16

#### b) when they receive His gift of grace.

"if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace..." (Rom.5: 15 & 17)

The gospel of the grace of God is accessed by faith, and receiving the message (1Cor.15: 1).

### 2. When a person believes by faith and receives God's grace they are not under the law but under grace.

"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." (Rom.6: 14).

### 3. Living under God's grace brings liberty, but use not liberty to sin.

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another" (Gal.5: 13).

## An illustration to help apply the teaching to our life today.

There are Christian denominations that today that require their adherents to observe the Sabbath on the basis that it was an everlasting commandment of God (Seventh-Day Adventists are one), and there are other Christian denominations who appear to abuse the liberties of God's grace and teach doctrines as truth that are contrary to the word of God.

Question to think about.

How do believers today walk not under the law (as we "are not under the law, but under grace") and not abuse the liberties that the grace of Christ affords a believer?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

Turn to Romans chapter six and Galatians chapter 5 –

"What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Rom 6:15 & 16).

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Gal.5: 16).

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Gal.5: 24).

When a Christian becomes legalistic they walk contrary to the grace of Christ as Peter did in Gal.2: 11 & 14, and when they wilfully sin because they are under grace they are also being disobedient to the word of God, because they yield to sin unto death, and not obedience unto righteousness. The grace of God in Christ brings with it liberty, abuse not that freedom but honour the grace of God in Christ by crucifying the flesh, with the affections and lusts. Amen!