

The Wednesday Word, October 1, 2025: Abounding Grace Part 1 D. G. Miles McKee

Romans 5:20, "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

Here are some truths about grace:
Grace is Amazing!
Grace is Matchless and
Grace is Marvellous!

One of our old hymns says it like this,

*Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.*

According to Romans 5:20, grace is also abounding!
Listen to our verse again.

Romans 5:20: Moreover, the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:'

There are two words for 'abound' found in this verse. They each have a different meaning. 'Sin abounded', (Gk. *'pleonazo'*), 'But grace didn't merely abound, it much more abounded,' (Gk. *'hyperperisseuo'*)!

The sentence literally means something like this, 'Where sin abounded, grace super-abounded' or 'Where sin overflowed, grace flooded in!'

We might have expected to read that where sin abounded God's anger and judgment abounded even more. But sin can construct no dam which can keep us from the heaven-sent, abounding flood of grace that is ours in Christ Jesus.

One of the many wonderful things about God's grace is that it is **ABOUNDING!** It abounds to us for the past, it abounds to us for the present and it abounds to us for the future!

Often when we think about grace, we limit it to the past. We think about how we were saved (past tense) by grace. (see Ephesians 2:4-6). But grace is even greater than the grace we find at the cross.

How beautifully undeserved is this grace. We don't earn it or work for it; it is God's gift. He has saved us and called us not because of anything we have done, but because of His own purpose and grace.

Grace, however, didn't merely begin on the cross. Well, when was this grace first given? It was given to us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time. Listen to this, "Who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, (2 Timothy 1:9).

That's abounding grace!

Praise God for His past grace! But grace is not only for the past it is also for the present. God's grace doesn't end when we begin our Christian Walk.

There is present grace. His grace impacts our lives right this moment. If we are saved, it's because God's grace is continuing to save us at this very instant.

The Bible says that; *"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand" (Romans 5:1-2).*

We are standing in grace! Our feet are firmly fixed in grace! Abounding Grace has declared us as acquitted before the throne of God and risen in Christ forever beyond the reach of judgment.

God's abounding, present grace is operating right now, it is surrounding us at this very second. In fact, the only person who doesn't need God's continuing grace is the person who never sins. And we all sin! So why doesn't God just strike us down? ... the answer is GRACE, abounding grace.

Believers have received past grace. We live in present grace and will receive future grace. Grace truly is abounding.

However, there's a bad teaching going around that says; "Because of grace, I must do everything I can to pay God back." However, that's so wrong! When we receive a gift, we do not expect to be charged for it. It is a gift. Do we actually believe that God gives us His grace, but now He must be re-paid? This kind of thinking militates against the gospel. Grace does not plunge us into debt. It liberates us from debt!

And that's the Gospel Truth!
To be continued-

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