

## MISUNDERSTOOD GRACE

Romans 6:1,2

### Introduction:

- Misunderstandings are sometimes:
  1. Our fault – p\_\_\_\_\_ communication
  2. Other's fault – drew wrong assumptions or c\_\_\_\_\_
- This passage deals with misunderstood grace
  1. Paul has shown in chapter 5, that there is no c\_\_\_\_\_ between grace and sin - *where sin multiplied, grace multiplied all the more* (5:20).
  2. Paul anticipates a person misunderstanding grace in 6:1,2
- As believers, we are called to communicate grace clearly
  1. Have we ourselves understood grace correctly?
  2. Will we correct those who have grossly misunderstood grace so that they can be saved?

### The Anticipation of the Misunderstanding (1)

- What is a wrong understanding of grace, according to this verse?
  1. If grace increases to a greater degree wherever sin increases, then why not sin more and more so that we can receive more and more grace?
  2. Anyone that thinks that grace gives you a license to s\_\_\_\_\_ has missed the point.
- What is the answer to the question of verse 1?
- Some common misunderstandings today.
  1. The Sinner's P\_\_\_\_\_ saves
    - a. You will not find one example in the Bible of a person being asked to say a prayer in order to be saved.
    - b. While it is true that a person can pray to receive Christ (Rom 10:13), it is not the prayer that saves but grace through f\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 2:8).
  2. B\_\_\_\_\_ saves – (next message)
  3. Since I cannot lose my salvation, then I can live however I want. – Grace is not a l\_\_\_\_\_ to sin!

### The Absurdity of the Misunderstanding (2)

- It is a c\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Look at the past – *we who d\_\_\_\_\_ to sin*
    - a. This is pointing to a specific time in the past where a person turned from sin, to f\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
    - b. Rom 6:7 see this event as a time when we were f\_\_\_\_\_ from sin as our master. Sin no longer has power over us.
  2. Look at the present in light of the past – *how will we s\_\_\_\_\_ live in sin?* (KJV and NIV – *any longer*)
    - a. The answer is obvious – it is no only an absurd way for a believer to live but an im\_\_\_\_\_.
    - b. This does not mean that believers do not f\_\_\_\_\_ to sin but do not persist in it as an acceptable lifestyle.

**Conclusion:****●**Have you received God's grace in your life?

1. If you have, you have d\_\_\_\_\_ to sin
2. If you have, as God reveals sin in your life (I Jn 3:8), you will not persist in sin, but will work to overcome sin. And when you fail, you will not be satisfied but will eventually r\_\_\_\_\_ .

**●**Do you know any professing "Christian" who persists in sin?

Point them to what God's w\_\_\_\_\_ says about their particular sin.

- a. If they are unaware of it being a sin, the Holy Spirit will c\_\_\_\_\_ them. Then encourage them.
- b. If they are unconcerned about changing
  - 1) Show them Rom 6:1,2
  - 2) If they are open, show them that salvation is by grace (the free gift of Jesus as our payment for sin) through faith (a relationship of trusting Him as our God).