The Declaration Of Grace

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INTRODUCTION

- He is using that as his declaration, as his affirmation, as the proclamation of the things in which he is about to set forth concerning salvation through Jesus Christ.
- It is by the grace of God that we are saved that he goes through and presents this.
- He was not ashamed to preach this message. It was something that was giving him great confidence rather than guilt or shame upon him.

1 Faith Is Essential to Access This Grace

Romans 5:1–2; Romans 3:21–23

- Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom also we have access by faith into this grace, wherein we stand.
- Faith is that element in which is essential to enter in to the access in the presence of God's grace.
- Grace is this idea of what is goodwill. It is kindness, it is unmerited favor.
- For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. It is the matter of sin that creates a need for justification.

2 The Saving Faith Is an Obedient Faith

Romans 1:5; Romans 16:25–26; Hebrews 11:7–8

- By whom we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith.
- The kind of faith that Paul is trying to get us to understand is that it is an obedient faith that we must have.
- By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house.
- There's the kind of faith that saves, and there's the kind of faith that does not save.
- And so there is no conflict between grace and obedience. They go hand in hand.

3 What the Believer Accesses by Grace

Romans 5:1; Romans 5:9–11; Romans 5:21

- First of all, we are justified. Our guilt has been removed.
- We have peace with God, where there is at one time enmity and strife. Now there is harmony, there is unity, there is peace.
- There is salvation from the judgment and wrath of God.
- Whenever two parties were offended, now they have been brought back together. In verse 11, there is atonement.

4 Grace Is Not an Excuse to Sin

Romans 6:1–2; Jude 4; Romans 6:16–18

- But it would be illogical to go from that to say that then we could continue in disobedience.
- Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?
- Grace is not an excuse to live however we want to.
- Any view of God's grace that would justify sin, that's not a biblical view of the grace of God.
- You see, it began with obedience, but it continues on in obedience.

5 Grace Gives Confidence in the Glory to Be Revealed

Romans 8:18; Romans 5:3–4; Romans 8:28

- There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- Whenever we make the decision, the conscientious choice to stand for the Lord, there will be suffering involved.
- Knowing that tribulation worketh patience. You see, the tribulations, they produce something in us.
- And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

THE CHALLENGE

So I must ponder whether my life is in accordance with God's will. Am I doing the things that are pleasing unto God?

MY NOTES