

Title: New Life in Hyper-Grace

Passage: Romans 5:20 - 6:2

Summary:

I. Let the Law Magnify Hyper-Grace

II. Do Not Let Hyper-Grace Allow Sin

Key Truths:

- Sin is a doctrine of love. With the Law, we recognize we are a sinner and in need of the righteousness of God.
- You have sin and are many. But God's grace abounds all the more. You cannot "out sin" God's saving grace.
- God's hyper-grace revives the soul. We must meditate on His incredible grace!

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What point(s) in the sermon did the Lord most impress upon you?
- Why should a Christian stop sinning even though he or she knows God has forgiven and will forgive those sins?
- How can you actively resist the tendency to sin in your everyday life?
- James 1:22 admonishes us to be "doers of the Word." What next steps will you take in response to the truths you have been exposed to?

Questions of Reflection:

- Did Christ come to save sinners in their sins or from them?
 - Which of your sins do you think God is not faithful and just to forgive it completely if you come to confess?
 - Which sin do you refuse to leave? Do we fight sin from the hand yet still fancy it with the heart? Which sin has been left forsaken or instead still loved or not ended?
 - Are you currently ignoring a sin in your life because you don't want to know it is a sin?
 - How much comfort or certain hope of glory or joy has been lost by putting off time in the Word?
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Romans 5:20–6:2

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EXPOSITION

Introduction

Where is the battle the hardest?

- where the enemy is the closest.
 - Likewise, the hardest battle is within our being.
 - Our body has not been redeemed and still affected by the first Adam
 - But our spirit has been redeemed and made alive by the second Adam (Jesus Christ)

Galatians 5:17

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

- Tension: Desire to obey God perfectly vs. pollution of sinful flesh (do what we do not want to do)
- Paul expounds this verse in Romans chapters 6, 7, and 8

Romans 7:18

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out....

Romans 7:24 - 8:1

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:24-25

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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- The Law = commandments revealed to Moses.
- the transgression = original sin by Adam
 - Our sin = repeats the

Romans 14:23

But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

- How much of your week was aggressively focused on God? Whenever you didn't, you sinned.

Romans 7:6-7

But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

- Sin is a doctrine of love.
 - With the Law, we recognize we are a sinner and in need for the righteousness of God.
- The Law exposes our sin.
 - Analogy: hydrogen peroxide that exposes the germs.

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- where [the] sin increased = sin from Adam
- grace abounded = grace of God

Romans 5:17

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

- Comparison
 - Your sin = finite
 - God's hyper-grace = infinite
- Analogy: God's grace similar to a fractal (the more you focus, the more complex and rich it is)
- God's hyper-grace revives the soul. We must meditate on His incredible grace.

Application:

- You have sin. Your sins are many.
 - But God's grace abounds all the more.
- You cannot "out sin" God's saving

so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Comparison:
 - Sin reigned in death, vs.
 - Grace reign through righteousness to eternal life
- Charles Spurgeon: "Heavenly Worship"
 - heaven will be more populated than hell.

Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

- Would there not be more souls saved by God than those in hell?

II. DO NOT LET HYPER-GRACE ALLOW SIN.

Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

- heretical principle.
 - Satan's lie that we steep into habitual sin so as to "glorify" God.

May it never be!

- Strongest way able to say "NO!"
 - Only appropriate response in light of God's amazing grace.

Questions of Application:

- Which sin do you refuse to leave?
- Which of your sins is God not faithful and just to forgive it completely if you come to confess?
- Which sin will God not pardon if you plead guilty?
- Which sin has been left forsaken or instead still loved or not quit?
- Did Christ come to save sinners in their sins or from them?
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How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

- we can never live at ease in sin once we have been changed by God's grace
- How are we "in" God? By the work of God within our hearts.

Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:5-11

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died

has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:8-9

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Heresy: You can have Jesus as Savior but not Lord

- This is a fallacy as either God is at work in your life or not at all.

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- Either God has started His work and will complete it or He has not touched you at all.
- There is no sin you can commit by which God's grace cannot abound.

Acts 16:30-31

Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Luke 9:23-24

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Prayer:

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

