

Gaining A Greater Grasp on The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

Grappling With Grace: Accepting The Reason for God's Wrath & Affirming The Perfection of His Justice!

—Romans 2:1–16

—Truth or Consequences???

—A STUMBLING BLOCK?

—Coming to Grips with God's Absolute Authority

Equity

Equality

Everyone

Even-handedness

Excuses?

—“Our real problem is not our sins. If our sins were the problem, we might muster the will-power to pull out of this nose dive. But the good news of the gospel begins with some really bad news. Our sins only provoke a bigger problem: the wrath of God. Our real problem is not our sins but God. He is angry, He isn't going away, and there is nothing we can do about it. If God is against us, who can be for us? But here is the good news. God has made God our salvation. He did it at the cross. God has provided a way of escape from God: in God. We run from His wrath by running toward His grace in Christ. And if God is for us, who can be against us?” —**selected quote**

—Acknowledging that God's grace actually is AMAZING!

—“Perfection demands perfection; that is why salvation must be by grace, and why works are not sufficient.” —**Donald Grey Barnhouse**

The MAIN IDEA from Last Week's Study:

Our ABILITY to APPRECIATE God's GRACE is directly connected to our AWARENESS of God's WRATH!

—Two ESSENTIAL TRUTHS that TEACH ENCOURAGEMENT:

1. God demonstrated His personal love for us when Jesus died as our **Substitute!** {Romans 5:8}
2. For everyone who has **truthfully trusted in Christ as Lord & Savior**, there is **no need to fear being condemned by God's judgment.** {Romans 8:1}

The MAIN IDEA in Today's Study:

The Gospel accurately that
God's is absolutely!

—Examining exactly how Romans 2:1–16 relates to our lives

{Noting the Context leading into Romans 2}

In Romans 1:24–32, Paul describes mankind's downward plunge into deeper sin & depravity. God said, “If you want your lusts, passions, & idolatry, you can have them, but you'll pay the consequences!”

—Questions about JUSTICE:

—1— Our right & ability to judge one another?

—LIFE LESSON:

—Our judgment is

because

—2— Our gratitude & appreciation for God's gracious goodness?

—kindness =

—tolerance =

—patience =

—repentance =

—LIFE LESSON:

—God's justice points us toward !

Stubbornness & Selfish ambition. (A day worker w/o loyalty)

—OR—

Admitting my sin; accepting His grace & affirming His authority.

—3— Do we get any credit from obeying God's Law?

TRUTHS to help us apply these lessons to life

The GOSPEL is

1) a showing how far sin separates us from God

2) a for everyone to TRUST in Christ

3) a about God's GRACE AND God's WRATH

4) the of salvation from the penalty, power, & problem of sin