

MISUNDERSTOOD GRACE.

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INTRO.:

A. Many picture grace as an umbrella.

1. This umbrella is said to cover everyone for everything.
2. However, God's GRACE provides coverage for those who use it properly.
 - 1) **Eph. 2:4-9.**
 - 2) **Titus 2:11-12.**
3. **GRACE** is wonderful when view properly.

B. There are misconceptions about Grace today which do not render protection.

DISCUSSION: SOME FEEL THAT GRACE WILL COVER...

I. INACTIVITY.

A. Man has no work to do, and grace will cover our lack of activity.

B. The popular "grace only" theory is that God's grace will overlook the lack of activity.

1. **Rom. 3:24.**
2. Of course, the "grace only" no work system is not taught. That would contradict other passages (**Rom. 2:6; Rev. 20:12**).

C. Some works have nothing to do with salvation.

1. Works of the Old Law **Rom. 3:20.**
2. Works of human origin (**Matt. 15:9**).
3. Works of darkness (**Eph. 5:11**).
4. There is no amount of good that one can do to eradicate the penalty of a single sin. The only remedy for sin is the blood of Christ (**Rom. 5:9; Heb. 13:12**).

D. But we must recognize that there are some works that are necessary to obtain grace (Gal. 5:6-7**).**

II. SINS WITHOUT REPENTANCE.

A. These teach that God overlooks and automatically forgive sins.

1. Calvinism teaches that GRACE covers every sin (once saved always saved).
2. Others believe that God is too good to eternally punish anyone.

B. Of course, grace can overcome sins (Rom. 5:20-21**).**

1. God's grace has provided the way to forgiveness (**Heb. 5:9; Rom. 2:4**).
2. **Rom. 6:1-2, 6, 11-15.**

C. Repentance is required (Luke 13:3, 5; 2 Pet. 3:9**).**

III. COVER IGNORANCE.

A. They say, "We are not law keepers" or "I am not held accountable for what I do not know."

1. In other words, "man is under grace and not under law."
2. And that grace has taken the place of any law system that man is to live under.

B. But law has a purpose (2 Tim. 2:15; James 1:22-25**).**

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. What does it mean to be under God's GRACE?

1. God's grace made possible the plan of man's salvation (**Heb. 2:9**).
2. The terms and conditions of that salvation are revealed us (**Titus 2:11-12**).

B. Salvation is provided by God's grace. We must submit our will to His and obey His plan (Acts 2:40**).**