

Grace trumps Sin

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today. We are thrilled that you are here!

The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
Romans 5:20 – 6:4

I read a book several years ago by John MacArthur that included a chapter on “cheap grace”, a term coined by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. His writings on the subject are a powerful reminder of what Paul wrote about in Romans 5 and 6. Grace has power over sin. But the depth of that power is realized because we died to the

old way of life (sin) and through our baptism we become new people with a new life. Grace “reigns through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

“Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner. Grace alone does everything, they say, and so everything can remain the same as it was before. The world goes on in the same old way, and we are still sinners even in the best life.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Wow! How many of us have accepted a cheap grace? Grace is a transforming power through the blood of Jesus that will bring death to the sin in your life. Cheap grace lets the sin live.

Share the true grace of Jesus with someone today! Let it change your life and theirs.

All Things for Christ,
Michael