

Romans 5:20-21 & 6:1-5

20. "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, **GRACE ABOUNDED** much more."

Definition: "ABOUNDED" - Or **to be ABUNDANT** means to be present in GREAT QUANTITY.

- **I Peter 1:3** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His _____ mercy has begotten us again (caused us to be BORN AGAIN) to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
- **II Corinthians 4:15** "For all things are for your sakes, that _____, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to _____ to the glory of God."
- **Isaiah 55:7** "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him _____ to the Lord, and He will have _____ on him; and to our God, and He will _____ pardon."
- **II Corinthians 9:8** "And God is able to make all _____ toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an _____ for every good work."

Definition: "GRACE" - Unmerited or UNEARNED favor. **Being accepted and loved by God** when we have done NOTHING and CAN DO NOTHING to EARN or DESERVE it.

- **James 4:6** "But He gives more _____ . Therefore He says, 'God _____ the _____, but gives _____ to the _____ .'"
- **I Peter 5:5** "Likewise you younger people, _____ yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with _____, for 'God _____ the _____, but gives _____ to the _____ .'"
- **II Peter 3:18** "But _____ in the _____ and _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

Definition: "The LAW ENTERED that the OFFENSE might abound" - "The Law" refers to the Old Testament Law and commandments God gave to Moses and the Israelites (Hebrews). Keeping the Old Testament Law could **NEVER** give a person eternal life. **Salvation and eternal life HAS ALWAYS BEEN by FAITH in GOD.** The Law serves the purpose of SHOWING US HOW FAR WE ARE FROM GOD'S PERFECT STANDARD, and thus shows us that we CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES, and that **we NEED A SAVIOR!! The Law DEFINES SIN**, show us how sinful we are, how destructive sin is in our lives, and how HORRIBLE sin is in God's sight.

- **Read Galatians 3:16-25** (Verse 19) "What _____ then does the _____ serve? It was added because of transgressions (sins), till the Seed (Christ - see verse 16) should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator." (Verse 21) "Is the _____ then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a _____ given which could have given _____, truly righteousness would have been by the law." (Verse 23) "But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the _____ which would afterward be revealed (when Christ came)."
- **Romans 7:7-8** "What shall we say then? Is the _____ sin? Certainly _____! On the contrary, I would not have _____, sin except through the _____. For I would not have _____ [about] covetousness unless the _____ had said, 'You shall not covet.' "

21. "So that as **sin reigned in DEATH**, even so **grace might reign** through righteousness to **ETERNAL LIFE** through Jesus Christ our Lord."

- **Ezekiel 18:4 & 20** "Behold, all _____ (lives) are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who _____ shall _____ ." (Verse 20) "The _____ who _____ shall _____. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself."

Definition: "REIGN" - To rule, exercise power, have dominion or influence. "Sin reigned in death" means SIN and DEATH go hand in hand, they are UNIVERSAL, and **NO ONE ESCAPES their dominion or influence** until **we** come to faith in Jesus Christ. Even then, we are not COMPLETELY removed from the CURSE of sin and death until Jesus returns to Earth and **sets up His RULE AND REIGN on Earth**.

- **Romans 8:21-22** "Because the _____ itself also will be _____ from the _____ of corruption (**death & decay**) into glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole _____ groans and labors with birth pangs until now."
- **I Corinthians 15:26 & 56** (Verse 26) "The last _____ that will be destroyed is _____ ." (Verse 56) "The sting of _____ is _____ , and the strength of sin is the law."

6:1-2. "What shall we say then? Shall we **CONTINUE in sin** that grace may abound? Certainly not ! How shall we who **DIED** to sin **live any longer** in it?"

- **Ephesians 2:3** "Among whom **we also** all had our _____ of _____ , in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the **desires of the flesh in and of the Mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, just as the others."
- **Romans 6:15** "What then? Shall we _____ because we are not under law, but under _____ ? Certainly _____ !"
- **I Peter 4:3** "For we have _____ **enough of our _____ lifetime** in doing the will of the Gentiles (non-believers), when we walked in _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , and _____ ."
- **I Peter 1:13-17** "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be _____ , and rest your hope fully upon the _____ that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as _____ children, not conforming yourselves to the _____ lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be _____ in all your _____ ."

3-5. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were **BAPTIZED into Christ Jesus** were baptized **into His death**? Therefore we were **BURIED with Him through baptism** into death, that just as Christ was **raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in NEWNESS of LIFE. For if we have been **united together in the likeness of His DEATH**, certainly we also shall be in **the likeness of His RESURRECTION**."

- **Colossians 2:12** " _____ with Him in _____ , in which you also were _____ with Him through faith in the working of God, who _____ Him from the _____ ."
- **Colossians 3:1-3** "If then you were _____ with Christ, seek those things which are above [*heavenly things*], where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your _____ in things _____ , not on things on the _____ . For you _____ , and your life is _____ with _____ in God."

Definition: "BAPTIZED into Christ Jesus" and "BAPTIZED into His DEATH" - The word "baptized" in the Greek means IMMERSED, PLACED INTO, IDENTIFIED WITH. **We are PLACED INTO CHRIST** the moment we believe, by the Holy Spirit, as

well as the Holy Spirit coming to live in us. Because **we are IN CHRIST**, and **CHRIST ALREADY DIED to sin**, then **WE HAVE DIED to sin**, too.

Definition: "The LIKENESS of His RESURRECTION" - For the same reason, because **WE ARE IN CHRIST**, we have the PROMISE of having NEW, PERFECT resurrection bodies for all eternity.

- **John 14:19-20** "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. _____ I _____, you _____ also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and _____ in _____, and I in _____."
- **I John 3:2** "Beloved, now we are the _____ of God, and it has not yet been revealed what _____ shall _____ (in the future), but we know that when He is _____, we shall be _____ Him, for we shall see Him as He is."
- **I Corinthians 15:45-49** "But now Christ is _____ from the _____ - giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the _____, and afterward the spiritual [*body*]. The _____ man was of the _____, made of DUST (chemicals in the Earth); the second Man, (Christ) is the _____ from _____. As was the man of _____, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image (likeness) of the _____ of dust, we shall also _____ the _____ of the _____ Man."
- **I Corinthians 15:20-22** "But now Christ is _____ from the _____, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (in death). For since by _____ came _____, by Man came also the _____ of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in _____ all shall be made _____."