God's Grace is Greater Than All Our Sin

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1. God's Grace for Our Salvation (Justification – being declared righteous by God)

because we do not measure up to His standard of Righteousness. Ephesians 2:8 (4-9) – By grace Romans 3:24 (21-25) 4:3-5 – By grace Galatians 2:21; 1:6

Romans 5:15, 17, 20-21 (12-21) "much more did the Grace of God ... abound"

 God's Grace for Our daily living (Sanctification – being delivered from the power of sin in our lives) because we still do not measure up to His standard of Righteousness, but as children of God now we have the new nature (2 Corinthians 5:17) and can submit ourselves to the Holy Spirit to give us victory over sin.

Romans 6:1-2 – "Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?"

Romans 6:14-15 – Under Grace, not under Law

Romans 5:2 – Stand in His grace

Romans 6:3-14 – New life in Christ – knowing what Christ has done for us, considering it true, and yielding now to the Holy Spirit to produce His character qualities in our lives.

Eph. 4:22-24 – lay aside the old self, renew your mind, put on the new self – which is empowered by the Holy Spirit

3. Remaining in Fellowship with a Holy God to produce His life in us by His Grace.

3 "Tests" to evaluate our lives – Are we really in fellowship with a Holy God, enjoying this new relationship with our Heavenly Father and our Savior Jesus Christ: 1 John 1-3

- 1) 1 John 1:5-10 Are we in "darkness" or in the Light? (sins of commission)
- 2) 1 John 2:3-6 Do we "obey" His commands? (sins of omission)
- 3) 1 John 2:9-11 Do we "hate" our fellow believers? (sins in relationships sins of un-forgiveness)
 1 John 1:9 Remain in fellowship with God by confession of our sin to God

Hebrews 4:11-16 – Come with confidence to the Throne of Grace to receive Mercy and Grace in time of need.

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