

DANGEROUS GRACE
Romans 6:1-2, 11-15

INTRODUCTION

The doctrine of GRACE is dangerous

Attacked by both the LEGALISTS and the LIBERTINES

I. THE DOCTRINE OF GRACE IS RISKY

- A. SOME WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY
- B. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A LEGALISTIC BACKLASH TO THE GOSPEL

II. THE CONCEPT OF GRACE IS HARD TO GRASP

- A. EXAMPLE OF GRACE
- B. UNDERSTAND THE EXPERIENCE OF GRACE BEING REJECTED

III. THE ALTERNATIVES TO GRACE ARE UNSATISFACTORY

- A. I CAN EMPHASIZE WORKS OVER GRACE
- B. I CAN OPT FOR GIVING A LIST OF DO'S AND DON'T'S
- C. I CAN LEAVE NO ROOM FOR GRAY AREAS
- D. I CAN CULTIVATE A JUDGMENTAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THOSE WHO MAY NOT AGREE WITH MY PLAN

IV. THE TENSION OF MANAGING GRACE IN OUR DAILY LIVES

- A. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH WE HAVE TO WORK OUT ON OUR OWN
- B. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF IRRESPONSIBILITY

CONCLUSION

THREE SUGGESTIONS:

1. Guard against extremes
2. Treat grace as an undeserved privilege rather than an exclusive right
3. Remember that while grace came to you freely, it cost the Savior His life