

50 Shades of GRACE

Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound.
But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

The Fifty Shades of Grey book/movie phenomenon has swept America. The book (as of this month) has sold 100 million copies worldwide – of that, 45 million have sold here in the US alone!

A quote about the book is as follows: 50 Shades of grey, an erotic, bondage and sex fuelled novel by British Author E. L. James has made women around the world bite their lips and whipped them into a reading frenzy.

The book became the FASTEST BOOK to sell 1 million copies – beating out Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code and J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter Books. The movie has already made 30.4 million

The main character is Christian Grey and I must add that the only thing Christian about this book series or movie is that the character's NAME is Christian and That's it! ALL THE REST IS NOTHING BUT SLEAZY LUSTFUL SIN!

Why is it we follow what the world says: Oh folks are reading again! Who cares if they're They're reading The Da Vinci Code or that They're reading Twilight Series or the Harry Potter Series or now the 50 Shades of Grey Series!?? At least they're reading right??

WRONG that type of thinking is from when you have NO KING JESUS IN YOUR LIFE! Judges 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Rather, we ought to get back to Psalms 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

So let's get away from GREY!! Let me tell you GOD AIN'T GOT NO GRAY AREAS (unless they're Confederate ones!!) HE's got it ALL MAPPED OUT IN BLACK, WHITE AND RED IN THE OL' BOOK CALLED THE KING JAMES BIBLE!!! Hey instead of blabbering about CHRISTIAN GREY WHY DON'T CHRISTIANS TALK ABOUT GRACE!????

The Bible has a LOT MORE THAN 50 Shades of Grace, but I want to share with you a few thoughts about GRACE. First remember that Shades = differences. Grace is defined many times as Unmerited Favour or God's Riches At Christ's Expense or Getting What We Don't Deserve!!!

1. WHERE DID GRACE BEGIN?

1. John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
 1. The LAW DEMANDED PUNISHMENT OR DEATH IF THE SIN WAS GREAT. UNDER THE MOSAIC LAW, IF YOU KNOWINGLY SINNED, YOU COULD RECEIVE NO FORGIVENESS UNTIL THE DAY OF ATONEMENT (YOM KIPPUR)
 2. ANYWHERE YOU FIND GRACE – YOU FIND CHRIST
 3. THINK OF THOSE WHO ARE SAID TO HAVE RECIEVED GRACE:
 1. NOAH - Genesis 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
 2. ABRAHAM - Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

3. LOT - Genesis 19:18-19 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord: 19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:
 1. SHOW THE BALL OF SULPHUR FROM SODOM AND GOMORRAH!
4. JACOB - Genesis 33:10-11 **And Jacob said**, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. 11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because **God hath dealt graciously with me**, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.
5. MOSES - Exodus 34:9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.
6. Time would fail me to talk about all the 45 named people in the Bible who are said to have received Grace from the Lord!! Folks like: Naphtali, Joshua, Gideon, Ruth, David, Solomon, Samuel, Esther, Hezekiah, Era and Nehemiah.
 1. Funny thing is most of the people who are said to have received Grace from God are in the Old Testament. So much for the “God of the Old Testament” being mean and wrathful!!
 2. When we come to the New Testament we find:
 3. MARY - Luke 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
 4. THE APOSTLES - Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.
4. ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE SAID TO HAVE RECIEVED GOD'S GRACE. GRACE COMES FROM CHRIST.
2. WHAT DOES GRACE BESTOW?
 1. When the people flock to this 50 Shades of Grey they're looking for something for THEM. That's LUST – In it for myself!!
 2. FORGIVENESS OF SINS - Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
 1. IF YOU CANNOT FORGIVE – YOU DO NOT HAVE GRACE.
 3. SALVATION - 1 Peter 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:
 1. IF YOU DO NOT SHARE CHRIST – YOU DO NOT HAVE GRACE
 4. FREEDOM FROM SIN - Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
 1. Those who are “saved’ that are into the 50 shades of Grey and filling their hearts and minds with lust, sexual pornography of variations of the Bondage Discipline Sadism Masochism BDSM movement! THEY ARE INTO BONDAGE ALRIGHT! AS ARE ANY OF US WHO ARE INTO “LITTLE SINS!!”
 2. 2 Peter 2:22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.
3. HOW DOES GRACE BEHAVE?
 1. God overcame Sin, Evil Wickedness All manner of Sin with GRACE – MORE GRACE – FOR GOD IT WAS GIVING WHAT WE DON'T DESERVE!
 2. While You and I can take a sanctimonious haughty up in the air look towards those “in heat” who run to these sleazy perverted inappropriate 50 shades of Grey books and movie (yes

there will be sequels because sex sells in America!) we must remember to look in the mirror and ask God how WE STAND BEFORE HIM!??

3. How many times do we call Christ Lord but don't obey!? Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

1. THEY HURT ME, ABUSED ME, USED ME, ETC.

1. That's LUST – WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME!?? I WANT REVENGE, I WANT TO PUNCH THEM, I WANT TO MAKE THEM SUFFER, I WANT CONTROL!! - According to the reviews THAT'S THE ATTITUDE OF CHRISTIAN GREY IN THIS SEX SERIES! TOO MANY CHRISTIANS ARE ACTING THIS WAY – WHY?? NO GRACE!! NO GRACE!!! NO FOLLOWING THE PRINCE OF PEACE!!

2. Luke 9:59-62 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer **me first** to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let **me first** go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

1. NO FRIEND – JESUS DEMANDS FROM US – HIM FIRST!!!! HIM FIRST!!!!

3. HOW DOES Luke 23:34 sound? “Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.”

4. How does GRACE BEHAVE? WHAT DID JESUS DO!?

2. THEY DESERVE THEIR TORMENT, FAILURE, ETC.

1. Luke 9:52-56 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

3. WHEN I LIVE WITHOUT GRACE – I AM DENYING JESUS HIS RIGHT TO LIVE THROUGH ME – FOR GRACE COMES BY JESUS.

1. Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2. Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

3. Think about OUR SIN, MY SIN AND THEN THINK OF JESUS NOT JUST ON THE CROSS – THINK ABOUT HIM TAKING OUR PUNISHMENT – AS IF HE WERE THE GUILTY ONE – IF WE LIVE IN A CALVARY MINDSET – WE CAN HAVE A LOT MORE THAN 50 SHADES OF GRACE IN OUR LIVES AS WE BROADCAST JESUS – JESUS – JESUS – TO THE LOST AND DYING WORLD – LOOKING FOR LOVE IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES – LOVE AIN'T FOUND IN 50 SHADES OF GREY – BUT IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN JESUS CHRIST!