

G5: Person

A Series on Grace

Hebrews 12:15

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

God has abundantly given grace to every believer. Sin holds no mastery over us. Its penalty is voided and its claims have been forced to be abandoned. Our lives are in the process of being sanctified (we must not lose sight that it is a process). Grace is transforming us into the image of Jesus who gave us the physical example of a human life fully controlled by God.

As one who receives grace, we also need to give grace. Today, I want us to look at two aspects. First, what are the dangers of failing to show God's grace? Secondly, what are the benefits of showing God's grace?

DANGERS

1. Falling back into our old way of life.

Acts 7:39, Galatians 4:8, 5:1

2. Developing bitterness.

Deuteronomy 29:18, Proverbs 26:24-26, Ephesians 4:31-32, 2 Peter 3:17

3. Experiencing God's judgment.

Psalm 18:20, Ezekiel 3:18, Mark 9:41, Revelation 22:12

BENEFITS

1. Growth in our Christian life.

1 Corinthians 14:20, Ephesians 5:1-2, Hebrews 5:14, 6:1, 2 Peter 3:18

2. True godly concern.

Luke 13:3, Romans 14:19, 2 Corinthians 5:20, 21, Galatians 1:4, Hebrews 12:14, 2 Peter 3:9

3. God's blessing.

Matthew 5:9, John 1:16, Acts 20:32, 2 Corinthians 9:8