





God's Grace

The Grace “Myth” – Sin is defeated when...

We Physically Die or when Jesus Comes Back

We are just kind of stuck doing the best we can with what we got



Sin is Defeated



The Defeated Dragon

(Romans 6:1-7)



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**Unlimited Grace does
not equal limitless sin!**

**Since grace covers everything
then I can do anything**

By No Means!








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My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

James 5:19-20



The existence of grace does not give us the right, an excuse, or even give permission to sin



Understanding Death

**In Paul's explanation of how grace
defeats sin he talks about four deaths**

The Death of Sin in us

The Death of Christ

The Death of Me

The Death of Death





The Death of Sin

We are those who have **died** to sin;
how can we **live** in it any longer?

Sin is not **external** working in but
internal working out



The Death of Christ

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into **Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**

All **are justified** freely by his grace through the **redemption** that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:24

**In Christ means sin is defeated
and I am made alive!**





The Death of Me



We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

v. 4







The Death of Me

You probably never thought of baptism as a funeral, but that is exactly what it is

Being baptized in and of itself does not "**save**" anybody

Baptism should also not be discounted

All throughout scripture baptism is linked to those who are placing their faith in Christ





The Death of Me

The Baptism Reality

It is not about joining a church, it is about a death

It is not a work it is an act of faith

**It is a symbolic identification with the death, burial,
and resurrection of Jesus**




It is not an add on choice, it is a command



The Death of Me

It is the physical representation
of the death of **ME!**

While it is a funeral, it is also a birth
as it marks the start of our choice
to receive grace and live a new life





The Death of Death

For if we have been united with him in a **death like his**, we will certainly also be united with him in a **resurrection like his**.

v. 5






The Death of Me

**Sin has been defeated but it is also it is alive and well
Someday we will be removed from the presence of sin
But even in the presence of sin, you need to know
God's Grace destroyed the power of sin**



**Not because I will never sin again but because in
my inner battle with sin, I have a new ally**





Free to Choose

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

v. 6-7





Free to Choose

Sin Lost!

We know that our old self was crucified with him

**The body ruled by sin might be done away
with**



We should no longer be slaves to sin





Free to Choose

Through God's grace we are **FREE**

Anyone who has died has been set free from sin

**ANYONE means EVERYONE that is a
follower of Christ**

Has been NOT Will be!



**The only person keeping
sin alive in me is....**

ME!





Dragon Slayer

**I cannot kill what
you will not let die!**