

DEALING WITH GUILT AND GRACE

Text John 8:2-11 Ref: John 1:17

In fact: the text that we will look at today was, in the early days of the church, considered a scandalous text -- so much so that some scholars decided to c_____ it.

Many people back then were just like many people you see today. Their main question was, "How much sin can I get away with and still go to heaven?" For this reason, this text was excluded from some manuscripts.

Let me tell you something I believe about the Bible. God doesn't need an e_____. It is not our job to protect anyone from the *scandal* of Biblical truth. It is our job to proclaim the g_____ of it.

I've never met a Christian that doesn't abuse God's grace to a certain extent. Maybe not the sin of adultery, but certainly with other sin.

In order to take grace seriously, we need to learn to take sin seriously.

1. When it comes to you and your sin, you stand a_____.

Here's the lesson we must learn. Each of us must stand alone, absolutely all alone, in full r_____ of our actions. No blaming others. No excuses.

2. Your sin, first and foremost, is a matter between you and G_____.

Ref: Psalm 51:4

If you have hurt someone in the past, or wronged someone in the past, you need to make restitution and reconciliation to the extent that it is p_____ ... and you also need to remember that it is God's forgiveness that empowers you, not the a_____ of others.

3. You never have the luxury of l_____ the other way.

God is generous with his mercy and forgiveness, but he cannot be fooled, and he cannot be mocked

Grace is about getting another chance to get it right.

God's Grace accepts you as you are today and gives you the chance to be better tomorrow.

11 I do not condemn you. Go and leave your life of sin.