

Grace - Abounding

Romans 5:20; Ephesians 1:8

The word “abounded” in [Romans 5:20](#) is from a different word than we find in [Ephesians 1:8](#). The word means “to exist in abundance.” But the second word which meaning also “to exist in abundance” carries with it the added idea that abundance is more than enough. The thing that exists is superfluity. A cognate of the word is used in a letter of A.D 108, “*More than enough has been written,*” or in one of A.D. 117, “*I count it superfluous to write at greater length.*” In addition to that, Paul prefixes a preposition to the word which means “to be over and above.” Thus the translation reads, “*Where sin existed in abundance, grace was in superabundance, and then some more added on top of that.*”

God created the sun to give light and heat to the earth upon which we live. But only a very small fraction of that light and heat ever reaches our globe. The rest is lost in space. We need never to be concerned that the light and heat of the sun will fail us. God has made an oversize reservoir to serve us.

There is enough grace in God’s heart of love to save and keep saved for time and eternity, every sinner that ever has or ever will live, and then enough left over to save a million more universes full of sinners, were there such, and then, some more. There is enough grace to meet and cope with all the sorrows, heartaches, difficulties, temptations, testing, and trials of human existence, and more added to that. God’s salvation is an oversize salvation. It is shock proof; strain proof, unbreakable, and all sufficient. It is equal to every emergency, for it flows from the heart of an infinite God freely bestowed and righteously given through the all-sufficient sacrifice of our Lord on the cross. Salvation is all of grace. Trust God’s grace. It is super-abounding grace.

[Romans 5:20](#) tells us, “*BUT WHERE SIN ABOUNDED, GRACE DID MUCH MORE ABOUND.*”

Grace is one of the most precious words in scripture.