

GOD'S GRACE IS GREATER

(5/26/2024; Life Group; 2 Samuel 12:1-31; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme: Despite David's sin of adultery and murder, which is clearly deserving of death, God's grace is greater! Because Jesus made a full, final, and forever payment for sin, God can confront, forgive, and restore. Therefore, we should respond in pure joy and total allegiance to King Jesus!

I. Grace to Confront – Read 2 Samuel 12:1-12

- A. In verses 1-7, how do we know this confrontation between Nathan and David was God's initiative? What parallels do you make between David's sin and Nathan's story?
- B. When Nathan confronts David in verses 7-12, what are some of the things that Nathan reminds David about? How do these verses inform us about God's omniscience (God is all-knowing)?
- C. Read verses 9 and 10. How would you interpret God's words to David? How does David's disobedience of God's commandments demonstrate that David "despises God"?

II. Grace to Forgive – Read 2 Samuel 12:13-23

- A. In verse 13, David declares that his sin is "against the Lord." Why would David declare this when the audience knows that his sin was specifically against Bathsheba and Uriah the Hittite?
- B. When David's confronted, he owns his sin without justification or blame-shifting. When confronted by others, are you prone to justify your behavior or blame shift? Why or why not?
- C. What are the consequences for David's sin? Do you think these are fair or not fair? What are your thoughts regarding David's actions before the baby dies? How does David view God?
- D. Read Psalm 51:1-4. What do you notice about David's repentant heart from this passage? When we sin, why is it helpful to recognize that our sin is primarily and specifically against Yahweh?

III. Grace to Restore – Read 2 Samuel 12:24-31

- A. Read Matthew 1:1-6. How does Matthew demonstrate the restoration of David's offspring? What thoughts come to your mind when you read, "Solomon by the wife of Uriah"?
- B. How do we know that David is restored to the Lord? What changes are evident and obvious in David's life? What does this tell us about the nature of God's grace towards sinners?
- C. Would you agree with the song lyric that says, "Grace is greater than all of our sin"? Why or why not? How should the gospel transform how we view our sin, guilt, and shame?