



**Lesson 17**  
**Grace Abounded**

**Romans 5:18-20**  
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Read Matthew 13:47-50. What did the net collect?  
What happened to the contents of the net?  
What does Jesus compare this to?  
What is Jesus telling us is real?

Read Matthew 22:1-14. What is Jesus comparing the kingdom of heaven to, in this passage?

What message was sent? What was the initial response?

What message was sent then?

What was the response this time?

What was the response by the king to the reception of this message?

What did the king then command his servants to do?

What did the king see when he came in? What was the end for that guest?

What is Jesus' conclusion in verse 14?

Again, what is Jesus warning us about?

Read Galatians 3:19. Why, according to this passage, was the law added? According to Galatians, was the law intended to be permanent? Why or why not?

Read Philippians 1:6-11. Who began the *good* work in our lives?

Who must complete that work?

Paul prays specifically for these people of Philippi to increase in what? For what purpose? What will they be filled with? Again, to what purpose?

Read Ephesians 2:4-5. Why did God make us alive in Christ? What has happened to us by grace?

Notice the certainty of the language in Ephesians. Paul doesn't say "by grace you just might be saved" or "hopefully you'll be saved" or even "probably you'll be saved". Christ's act has and will accomplish EXACTLY what He intended.

Read John 6:37-40. Who will come to Christ?

What does Christ promise that He will not do?

What does Jesus say is God's will in verses 39 and 40?

Re-read this passage in John. Does this give the impression that there will be people wanting to come to Christ, but Christ will turn His back on them?

What do we know about the state of our faith, from these verses?

Ladies, hell is as real of a place as heaven is. The future of any man or woman on this planet who does not know God is an unutterably horrible one. We must remember that and not ignore that truth.

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to help you to be bold in sharing the truth that you know: that good deeds and nice smiles aren't what is necessary to enter into heaven. Thank God for providing a way OUT of that future. Thank Him for the salvation and grace that He has poured out, saving not just one sinful human, but an untold number of sinners just like yourself. Thank Him for His truly amazing grace.