The Effect of Grace

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 15:10

Introduction

Paul here lets us know that God's grace is not without effect on our lives, rather it has marvelous benefits to those who reach out for them.

I. Grace produces conviction of sin

John 16:8a NIV When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement

- A. God's grace makes us aware of our guilt before Him
- B. Without conviction there can be no repentance
- II. Grace produces forgiveness and right relationship with God

<u>Ephesians 1:7 NIV</u> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

<u>1 John 1:3 NIV</u> And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

- A. Grace brought redemption
- B. Grace brings forgiveness
- C. Grace brings justification
- D. Grace allows us to fellowship with God

III. Grace produces changed lives

Ezekiel 11:19 And I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

- A. Right living
- B. Christian principles
- C. Changed attitudes

IV. Grace produces everlasting life

<u>Romans 6:23</u> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A. There is no everlasting life outside God's grace
- B. Grace gives everlasting life to all who will receive it