

GRACE ABOUNDING -- Rom. 5:20

Introduction -- John Bunyan's testimony.

I. The Source of Abounding Grace

1. Grace abounding from the loving heart of God.

A. God so loved the world.

B. God is love

2. From the Cross of Calvary

A. Example of the Penitent Thief

B. See from His head, His hands, His feet,

Sorrow and love flow mingled down;

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,

Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

II. Where Grace Abounds

1. Over the opposition of Satan

2. Over the power of sin.

A. Where sin abounded, grace superabounded.

B. The vote in heaven over the greatest
monument to the grace of God.

3. Over the failure of the law.

A. The law entered that the offence might abound.

B. Interpreter and Christian sweeping the
dusty room.

III. To Whom Grace Abounds.

1. To the Contrite Sinner

2. To the Penitent Backslider

3. To the tested Believer.

A. "There hath no temptation taken you but such
as is common to man: but God is faithful,
who will not suffer you to be tempted above
that ye are able; but will with the temptation
also make a way to escape, that ye may be
able to bear it."

B. The deliverance of British soldiers, their
wives and children, during the Indian mutiny
in Lucknow led by rebels under Nana Sahib.
General Havelock saved them, coming through
more than 50 miles of rugged enemy territory,
with his Scotch soldiers. They were thrilled
with the famed Scotch battle cry, the shrill
music of the bagpipes, and the sight of the
plumes playing in the breeze.