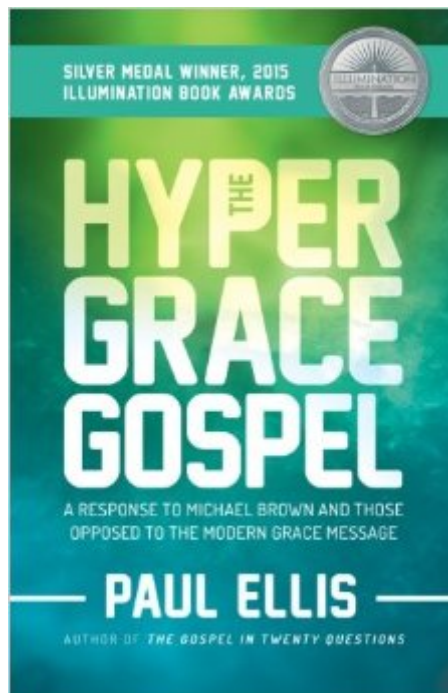


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The Hyper-Grace Gospel: A Response To Michael Brown And Those Opposed To The Modern Grace Message



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Customer Reviews

I did not give Ellis a 4 star because I agree with him. I did so because, from his viewpoint, he was an effective "debater" in his response to Brown. He managed to "frame" the arguments to his own purposes, for the most part. Ellis is sticking to the theory of grace as the basis for our relationship. Brown is trying to demonstrate that the Hyper-grace preachers and teachers are ignoring a lot of Scripture. So, he (Brown) tends to refer to a huge amount of Scripture. His weakness is that he does not develop a coherent theory that explains how these Scriptures apply within the overarching grace relationship. So, because Ellis has a coherent theory, he often comes off more logical than

Brown. Ellis, on the other hand, quite often fails to respond to the examples and Scriptures that Brown cites. He just chooses to ignore them. Thus, he makes his own case, but does not really answer the objections to the case. Moreover, he sidesteps many of the controversies and extreme examples that Brown cites. Brown has done enormous research and has documented the cases where the Hyper-grace movement has gone too far. Ellis answers by either denying or ignoring. Though Ellis generally keeps a pretty cool head, he does get pretty grumpy at times. When Brown gives a chapter-full of examples of how Hyper-grace preachers and others characterize their enemies--"grace-haters," into "sin management," "rock-throwing legalists," etc--Ellis says this is "a bit rich" from one who "names names" and writes a judgmental book. Maybe that is so, but Brown has carefully documented all of this. (I think Brown's mistake was to put this chapter so early in the book.

"For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace" Rom 6:14. This was a difficult review for me to write because it isn't easy to do justice to Paul Ellis' latest book! It's written in three parts, each one segues seamlessly into the next. His previous book "The Gospel in Twenty Questions" was profound in that it introduced us to the Father that Jesus came to reveal by grace. This new book, well, the best word that comes to mind is 'important'. Important because in part one Ellis once again helps define grace, in such a clear and cogent manner. Important because in part two Ellis biblically debunks key myths about what grace is and what it is not. Important because in part three he responds to Michael Brown, an important legalist. Throughout the history of the church, there has always been that small group of legalists that have attacked the gospel of grace. Take a yellow highlighter and go through the New Testament and from the birth of Jesus right until the last line of Revelation "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all", the battle has not been against sin but law. Nothing incites sin's mastery over us like Law and nothing defeats sin's mastery over us than Grace. But what struck me so deeply about Ellis is how gracious he is, such compassion and respect does he show to those who attack both grace preachers like himself and the gospel of grace. As I read Elli's book, I could almost see Brown's inner struggle as an earnest and sincere Messianic Jew trying so hard to fulfil the Law that for so long has likely given him his identity.

It's so refreshing to have articulate, humble and passionate people stand up for the truth. Paul Ellis does a great job explaining what hyper grace is while responding to all of Dr. Brown's misperceptions about the hyper-grace message. I started listening to Joseph Prince about 2 years

ago, prior to that I was always preached the mixed-grace message for over 10 years. When I heard the message of grace, it radically changed my life. It's like my love for Jesus (or my understanding of his love) grew ten fold. I was a changes person. People would tell me Mike you've been a believer for a long time, I would say "I know but I never heard stuff like this in my life". I was taught the traditional good news but mixed with the bad. Coming from an Apologetics background with a passion for debating, I've followed Michael Browns career for a long time, I've watched many of his debates and really appreciated his knowledge of the bible and scripture. So I was surprised to find his attacks against the gospel of grace. When I looked further into his attacks, I was disappointed by his misperceptions of the Grace message and the truths of the Gospel. In addition, I was disappointed by his baseless attacks on the grace message like when he claims it leads to a licentious lifestyle when I know first hand that the revelation of the grace message moved me further away from some of the sins I struggled with and much closer to God. Also, baseless arguments are a HUGE no no when it comes to debating, something you see atheists do all the time . It's a clear indicator that they don't have the truth on their side. So when Dr. Brown make baseless claims of false teaching, he's reaching and sadly just sharing an opinion off as truth. It's wrong and dishonest. Dr.

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