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Set Free to Live Right

But What About Grace?

part 4



1. Don't _____ (v.15)

2. See _____ (v.16)

3. Be _____ (vv.17-18)

Romans 6:15-18

¹⁵ What then?

Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. How would you respond to someone who says that the biblical phrase "not under law, but under grace" means that because Christians are forgiven we don't have to concern ourselves with doing what the Bible says?

Read **Jude 4** and **Titus 2:11-14**. Why should this kind of abuse of the doctrine of grace be a concern of ours?

2. Read **Proverbs 5:22** and **2 Peter 2:19**. How powerful can sin's dominance be in a person's life? How vigilant should we be about the addictive power of sin? What is at stake when we don't respect sin's power?

Read **James 1:14-15**. What practical help or encouragement could you provide a brother or sister in Christ who is feeling enticed by sin?

3. How does our daily, functional relationship with God factor in to our freedom from the enslavement to sinful behavior?

4. How can the biblical picture of our "redemption" and transference from one "master" (i.e., sin) to another (i.e., God and righteousness) help you in your battle with temptation?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

November 15th

Ezk.35-36 & Heb.9

November 16th

Ezk.37-38 & Heb.10

November 17th

Ezk.39-40 & Heb.11

November 18th

Ezk.41-42 & Heb.12

November 19th

Ezk.43-44 & Heb.13

November 20th

Ezk.45-46 & Jms.1

November 21st

Ezk.47-48 & Jms.2

November 22nd

Dan.1-2 & Jms.3

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0726 – **Keeping Our Focus on Christ**

CD # 0732 – **Seeing Obedience as an Act of Worship**

CD # 0833 – **Paying Close Attention to Your Deeds**

CD # 0604 – **Working & Trusting to Prove the Reality of My Faith**

Here are some resources which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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