

Forever Free (Romans 6:15-23)

Pastor Deric

(15) What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! (16) Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

(17) But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, (18) and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

(19) I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

(20) For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. (21) But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. (22) But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

(23) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Practical Application

1. Review: Knowing about and experiencing God's grace will not lead you to more sin, but less. God's grace is more powerful than sin. God's grace is powerfully transformative! When you are united with Christ His grace changes your heart. Christian, you are in covenant union with Christ and His grace is changing you. Enjoy His grace today and forever!
2. Living under grace is liberating. You have been freed to love God, live for God, and enjoy God and His good gifts.
3. You used to be spiritually dead and a slave of sin. Now you are spiritually alive and free to obey God and do what's right.
4. Your heart has been freed to live with deep gratitude and thanksgiving.
5. Commit yourself today to the Word of God (Incarnate, written, and preached). He/it is the perfect standard of teaching and instruction.
6. Become a person who is theologically/doctrinally sound, missiologically driven, and contextually wise. In other words, believe what is true and seek to communicate that truth to real people in the real world of the 21st Century.
7. Present your entire body to God in order use it purely, faithfully, morally, and lovingly. Give Him your body, soul, and spirit. Surrender everything to your holy and loving Creator today.
8. Since you have been justified by faith you can now be powerfully and progressively sanctified.
9. You have been liberated from shame and are free to live as an honored child of God.
10. Bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit through your life each day as you walk with God.
11. You have been liberated from sin and death through the gracious free gift of God in Christ Jesus.
12. Live fully and joyfully under the Lordship of Christ today and for the rest of your life.
13. God has graciously given you new life, true life, full life, abundant life, and eternal life. So, live!

Announcements

-Global Missions Christmas Offering (Lottie Moon): \$5,000 Goal. We did it! God provided! Praise the Lord!

-Wednesday Night Awana & Adult Bible Study (6:30-7:30)

-Men's Ministry Dinner (Today): Sunday. January 14, 5pm in Fellowship Hall

-Jan 21 – Sunday - Church Business Meeting: after worship service (12-12:30)

-Praise and Worship “New Beginnings” gathering on Wednesday, January 24 from 6:30-7:30pm

-New Members class will be on February 4 (12-1pm). You can sign up today. Lunch will be provided. See Pastor Deric or express your interest to attend by sending an email to info@hopemountain.church

-Church Work Day: Saturday, February 10, at 8am

-Feb 11 - Men's Meeting / Dinner / Super Bowl Sunday Party – See Brad Vick

-Feb 17 – Saturday – Winter Jam Christian Concert – Youth – See David Barrero

-Please be praying this week for the Gordon and Dean family