



**7/23/23**

**"I Am Not What I Once Was!"**

Romans 6:15-23 (NIV)

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**B.C. = "Before Christ"**

**A.D. = "Anno Domini" (*in the year of the Lord*)**

## **1. Grace Unto Godliness**

- "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:11-13)
- "The grace of God does not relieve me of my responsibility to be obedient. The grace of God makes possible my obedience."

## **2. Set Free For Obedience**

- "The Master we obey is evidence of whose we are." (Tony Merida)
- "Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother." (1 John 3:7-10)

### **A. Our Attitude Toward Sin**

#### **1. See it as God sees it**

#### **2. Hate it**

- "For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (Romans 7:15)
- "Sin in the believer is a burden that afflicts him, not a pleasure that delights him." (John Owen)

### 3. Wage war against it

- Confess
  - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
- Repent
- Forsake it
  - "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." (Proverbs 28:13)

### B. Slaves of righteousness

- "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

## 3. We Don't Want To Go Back There

### 4. The Free Gift of Eternal Life

A. The wages of sin = DEATH

B. The free gift of God = ETERNAL LIFE

### What Do I Do? – Repent, Flee, Follow

#### **This Week @ Crossview**

Sun 7/23	8:00am – Prayer Meeting
	8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services (Sun School & Nursery - 2nd Service)
	12:30pm – APEX Duluth Mission Team Departs
Sun 7/30	8:00am – Prayer Meeting
	8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services (Sun School & Nursery - 2nd Service)

#### **Coming Soon**

Wed 8/2	11:45am-4:00pm – SWEPS Volunteering Begins [Ends 8/4]
Sun 8/6	6:30pm – APEX Summer Bible Course
Mon 8/7	9:00-11:30am – Vacation Bible School Begins
Thu 8/17	9:00-10:00am – Senior Fellowship

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