

“Free to Sin?”

Sermon Series: “The Everyday Gospel” (Week 5)

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INTRODUCTION

We simply cannot overemphasize the message of GRACE!

LEGALISM is when someone seeks to be “holy” in order to secure God’s favor/acceptance/forgiveness. LICENSE is when someone completely ignores the call to be holy because he/she is already confident in God’s favor/acceptance/ forgiveness.

Note: License is NOT the result of an OVEREMPHASIS on grace. No, license is the result of a gross MISAPPLICATION of grace.

THE POINT: *When you and I more fully understand the message of the Gospel, it not does not free us TO sin, but rather, frees us FROM sin!*

OUR PLEDGE OF FREEDOM

*Having believed, I have been declared once and for all,
“NOT GUILTY” and “FREE FROM SIN”
because Jesus’ death released me forever
from both the penalty and power of sin.*

ROMANS 6:1-7

¹ *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means!*

We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

When Christ died on the cross, two things happened:

- The **penalty** for our sin was paid for because my sins were placed upon Christ and His blood satisfied God’s wrath.
- The **power** of sin over me was broken because my sinful nature died with Christ, thus releasing me from its control.

³ *Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His **death**? ⁴ We were therefore **buried** with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was **raised from the dead** (i.e. resurrection) through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

⁵ *If we have been united with Him like this in His **death**, we will certainly also be united with Him in His **resurrection**. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.*

Thus, if we are “in Christ”, then we were united with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. What was accomplished by Him was therefore accomplished in and through us!

- **His Death and Burial**—Paid the *penalty* for our sins that we might be forgiven and conquered the *power* of sin over us by crucifying our sinful nature, thus releasing us from sin’s control.
- **His Resurrection**—Granted us new life in Christ by the regenerating and empowering work of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What are the theological realities that were secured for us through the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ?
2. Why is so hard sometimes to make these “theological realities” become “practical realities” in our day-to-day walk with Christ?
3. Read Romans 12:1-2. How do you think these truths may help you walk as one who is “NOT GUILTY” and “FREE FROM SIN”?
4. What’s a possible “FaithStep” for you this week? Be ready to share.