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"GRACE That Breaks The Dominion of Sin"

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Many preachers and teachers have erroneously taught that teaching about God's Grace gives people a "license to sin"; they call it "cheap grace"; and many other terms that demonstrate their lack of understanding and revelation that actually constituted their salvation. **{See Ephesians 2:8-10}**

Some even think that living under the grace of God mean that God will just wink at sin and ignore it. That is totally untrue, and once again demonstrates the lack of understanding and revelation concerning the power that Grace has to break us free from sin, guilt, shame, and condemnation.

What Grace really means is that: Jesus paid for our sins; broke the dominion and slavery of sin off our lives; fulfilled the punishment for our sins that the law is required; and there is nothing more than you or I can do concerning payment for sins: **Jesus paid the full and complete price.**

First of all we must understand how Grace + Justice + Mercy works: God chose to pay for sin at the greatest cost to himself by giving His Son; and then turned around and gave unmerited, unconditional love, acceptance, and forgiveness to the very people who were the basis for the need for payment.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16-17 NKJV

The true Grace of God changes the very desires of our heart that once were held in bondage to sin; and now moves us to want to please God with everything that is within us. Look at what it says in Romans 3:21-25.

In the 6th chapter of Romans we are given the answer concerning the power of God's Grace that breaks the dominion of sin off our lives:

A. Grace has brought us to spiritual death that now releases to us spiritual life. **Verses 1-3**

- B. Grace has given us the ability to walk in newness of life. Verse 4
- C. Grace has given us the ability to resist sin, unrighteousness, and anything else that is against the will of God. **Verse 11-14**
- D. Grace has transformed us to seek to live a life of holiness and purity before the Lord our God. **Verse 15-23**

In the 7th chapter of Romans we clearly see the contrast between trying to overcome sin by works, willpower, rules, regulations; verses overcoming sin through and by the Grace of God. The struggle against sin in our own ability is a defeating, discouraging, overwhelming, tormenting, and destructive path.

It is only by The Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus that we are able to live as "More Than Conquerors" as clearly identified in the <u>8th chapter of Romans</u>. God's grace has everything to do with:

- A. Our Position In Him
- B. Our Relationship With Him
- C. Our Standing Before Him
- D. Our identity as New Creations in Him

Grace that breaks the dominion of sin is not a one time impartation, but rather an ongoing demonstration of God's power in our lives. True Grace is not about us; it is all about God. True Grace is not about what we have done; but it is what Jesus has done on our behalf. True Grace is not attempting to conform to man's opinion of me; but rather being transformed by the renewing of my mind concerning the Grace that God has freely given me.

For the next 7 days: Meditate and read Romans 6, 7, & 8.