

“The Romans Road Rebooted”—Part 9

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LAST WEEK WE ENDED: The law was given to show us our need of the grace of God unto salvation and how short we truly fall. Where sin increases, so does grace abound. (5:20-21)

Therefore, grace is not an EXCUSE to SIN, but an exhortation as to why we are to sin NO MORE! (6:1-2)

1. Where we have SINNED, grace ABOUNDS, but we do not continue to sin, in order for grace to INCREASE. (6:1-2)

- **GALATIANS 2:15-21 (ESV)**

¹⁵ *We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.*

¹⁷ *But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.*

- **ROMANS 3:19-26 (ESV)**

¹⁹ *Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

²¹ *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

Our IDENTITY, CONDITION, and PURPOSE are found in the work of Christ! (6:3-14)

1. For BAPTISM into CHRIST, referred to here is not a MODE, but an IDENTIFICATION with Christ and the work of Christ. (6:3)

- **MATTHEW 28:18-20 (ESV)**

¹⁸ *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

- **EIS (STRONG’S GREEK DICTIONARY)**

A primary preposition; meaning into, unto, to, towards, for, among

- **1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6 (ESV)**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,³ and all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

2. Our identification with CHRIST is the same as the ISRAELITES identification with MOSES in 1 Corinthians 10. (6:4-8)

✚ ***It is because of our identification with Adam, Moses and the like that we too stand CONDEMNED by the LAW and must DIE.***

- **ROMANS 3:19-23 (ESV)**

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..

- **ROMANS 6:23 (ESV)**

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

✚ ***We are therefore baptized into Christ's DEATH, that we may be RAISED into His LIFE.***

- **REVELATION 1:4-7 (ESV)**

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

✚ ***This identification is more than just simply the saving of a soul, but it makes us CHILDREN and HEIRS of God.***

- **ROMANS 8:12-17 (ESV)**

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

✚ ***Just as Christ was SET FREE from the HOLD and CONSEQUENCES of DEATH, we too have been SET FREE.***

- **GALATIANS 5:1 (ESV)**

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

- **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 (ESV)**

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

3. If we are identified with Christ and set free from sin in this way, then sin is not to have DOMINION over us. (6:9-14)

- **DOMINION (WEBSTER’S Dict., 1828 ed.)**

Sovereign or supreme authority; the power of governing and controlling. Power to direct, control, use and dispose of at pleasure; right of possession and use without being accountable; as the private dominion of individuals.

- **COLOSSIANS 2:20-23 (ESV)**

²⁰*If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—²¹“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”²²(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.*

- **PSALM 19:13 (ESV)**

¹³*Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.*

We are not under LAW but under GRACE! (6:14-23)

1. Paul is not speaking here about the APPLICATION of the LAW, but about where DOMINION lies in our lives. (6:14b-23)

✚ **Remember we are not JUSTIFIED by the Law, but we are JUDGED by its evidence in our lives.**

- **ROMANS 3:19-20 (ESV)**

¹⁹*Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

✚ **Either we are slaves to SIN or slaves of RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

- **MATTHEW 11:28-29 (ESV)**

²⁸*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

✚ **Either sin has dominion in our lives or CHRIST has dominion in our lives; only one REIGNS.**

- **ROMANS 5:16-17 (ESV)**

¹⁶*And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

✚ **There is no room for TWO MASTERS.**

- **MATTHEW 6:24 (ESV)**

²⁴*“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

2. The GRACE of God through Christ Jesus does not give us freedom from the LAW, but freedom from SIN. (6:14b-18)

✚ **Jesus did not come to ABOLISH the Law, but to FULFILL it.**

- **MATTHEW 5:17-20 (ESV)**

¹⁷*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of*

heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

✚ **Jesus told us to make disciples and teach them to OBEY everything He had COMMANDED.**

- **MATTHEW 28:18-20 (ESV)**

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

✚ **John told us that if we claim to KNOW Christ then we OBEY His commandments and if we don't we are nothing more than LIARS.**

- **1 JOHN 2:3-6 (ESV)**

³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.⁴Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

✚ **Grace does not give us freedom to do as we please, but to obey what Christ commands because APART from His grace we CANNOT.**

- **ROMANS 3:10-12 (ESV)**

¹⁰As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God.¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

✚ **Therefore the FRUIT evidenced in our lives reveals what has dominion over us.**

- **1 JOHN 3:4-10 (ESV)**

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.⁸ 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.⁹ 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.¹⁰ 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.

✚ **So why are there those who are against the Law (ANTINOMIAN) in its application? Could it be that sin has dominion in their lives, and they need a LOOPHOLE?**

- **2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9 (ESV)**

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.⁶ For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions,⁷ always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith.⁹ But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

✚ **Romans 6:23 tells us that what we earn from sin is death, but the gift of God in Christ Jesus is eternal life. Which has dominion over you? Which is your master? Sin or Christ Jesus?**