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GRACE & TRUTH = FREEDOM!

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- AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, **FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH**.... FOR FROM HIS FULLNESS WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED, **GRACE UPON GRACE**. FOR THE LAW WAS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES; **GRACE AND TRUTH CAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**. JOHN 1:14, 16-17

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- 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. FOR WE ARE **HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS,** WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT **WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.** EPHESIANS 2:8-10

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- **THE ROMAN ROAD**

- **1. FOR THERE IS NO DISTINCTION: FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.. ROMANS 3:22-23**

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- **2. FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. ROMANS 6:23**
 - “WAGES’ MEANS A PAYCHECK FOR SOMETHING DONE.

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- **3. THEREFORE, JUST AS SIN CAME INTO THE WORLD THROUGH ONE MAN, AND DEATH THROUGH SIN, AND SO DEATH SPREAD TO ALL MEN BECAUSE ALL SINNED— ROMANS 5:12**

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- **AND YOU WERE DEAD IN THE TRESPASSES AND SINS IN WHICH YOU ONCE WALKED, FOLLOWING THE COURSE OF THIS WORLD, FOLLOWING THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, THE SPIRIT THAT IS NOW AT WORK IN THE SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE— AMONG WHOM WE ALL ONCE LIVED IN THE PASSIONS OF OUR FLESH, CARRYING OUT THE DESIRES OF THE BODY AND THE MIND, AND WERE BY NATURE CHILDREN OF WRATH, LIKE THE REST OF MANKIND. EPHESIANS 2:1-3**



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- **4. BUT GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US. ROMANS 5:8**



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- **5. BECAUSE, IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT JESUS IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.** FOR WITH THE HEART ONE BELIEVES AND IS **JUSTIFIED**, AND WITH THE MOUTH ONE CONFESSES AND IS SAVED. FOR THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, “EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.” FOR THERE IS NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN JEW AND GREEK; FOR THE SAME LORD IS LORD OF ALL, BESTOWING HIS RICHES ON ALL WHO CALL ON HIM. **FOR “EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”** ROMANS 10:9-13

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- **JUSTIFICATION** – WHEN YOU MAKE JESUS YOUR LORD YOU BECOME JUSTIFIED BY HIS AMAZING GRACE. THE CROSS PAID THAT PRICE! YOU ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS – RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD!
- **SANCTIFICATION** – AS YOU GROW IN MATURITY IN CHRIST, THE TRUTH, YOU BECOME MORE AND MORE SANCTIFIED.

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- THEREFORE, AS ONE TRESPASS LED TO CONDEMNATION FOR ALL MEN, **SO ONE ACT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADS TO JUSTIFICATION AND LIFE FOR ALL MEN.** FOR AS BY THE ONE MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE THE MANY WERE MADE SINNERS, **SO BY THE ONE MAN'S OBEDIENCE THE MANY WILL BE MADE RIGHTEOUS.** NOW THE LAW CAME IN TO INCREASE THE TRESPASS, **BUT WHERE SIN INCREASED, GRACE ABOUNDED ALL THE MORE,** SO THAT, AS SIN REIGNED IN DEATH, **GRACE ALSO MIGHT REIGN THROUGH RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADING TO ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.** ROMANS 5:18-21

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- **FOR SIN WILL HAVE NO DOMINION OVER YOU, SINCE YOU ARE NOT UNDER LAW BUT UNDER GRACE. ROMANS 6:14**
- **FOR CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW FOR (AND HAS BECOME) RIGHTEOUSNESS TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES. ROMANS 10:4**
 - **WE HAVE BEEN SET FREE!**
 - **WE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW BUT UNDER GRACE!**

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- **SO THEN, BROTHERS, WE ARE DEBTORS, NOT TO THE FLESH, TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE FLESH. 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. FOR ALL WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE SONS OF GOD.**

ROMANS 8:12-14

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- **BUT I SAY, WALK BY THE SPIRIT, AND YOU WILL NOT GRATIFY THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH. FOR THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH ARE AGAINST THE SPIRIT, AND THE DESIRES OF THE SPIRIT ARE AGAINST THE FLESH, FOR THESE ARE OPPOSED TO EACH OTHER, TO KEEP YOU FROM DOING THE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO. BUT IF YOU ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT, YOU ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW.**

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• NOW THE WORKS OF THE FLESH ARE EVIDENT: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, SENSUALITY, IDOLATRY, SORCERY, ENMITY, STRIFE, JEALOUSY, FITS OF ANGER, RIVALRIES, DISSENSIONS, DIVISIONS, ENVY, DRUNKENNESS, ORGIES, AND THINGS LIKE THESE. I WARN YOU, AS I WARNED YOU BEFORE, THAT THOSE WHO DO SUCH THINGS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

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- **BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW. AND THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES. GALATIANS 5:16-25**

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- CONVICTION IS FROM GOD AND CAUSES US TO FEEL SORRY FOR OUR SIN AND OUGHT TO INSPIRE US TO REPENT.
- CONDEMNATION IS FROM THE ENEMY OF OUR SOUL AND CAUSES US TO FEEL SHAME AND RUN FROM GOD.

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- THE ONLY WAY WE CAN OVERCOME THE FLESH IS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE SIN THAT SO EASILY ENSNARES US CAN ONLY BE BROUGHT DOWN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- WHAT DID JESUS SAY – **“NEVERTHELESS, I TELL YOU THE TRUTH: IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THAT I GO AWAY, FOR IF I DO NOT GO AWAY, THE HELPER WILL NOT COME TO YOU. BUT IF I GO, I WILL SEND HIM TO YOU. AND WHEN HE COMES, HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD CONCERNING SIN AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGMENT...” JOHN 16:7-8**

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- **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. 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. FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.**

ROMANS 6:21-23

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• THERE IS THEREFORE NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE HAS SET YOU FREE IN CHRIST JESUS FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH. ROMANS 8:1-2