

SESSION 2: God's Grace in our Sanctification – Romans 6:1 – 7:6

Right Living 1 – Our freedom from the power of sin!

You are encouraged to read Romans 6:1-7:6. Read it slowly and even through 3 or more times. If you are comfortable with writing in your Bible make notes or underline key phrases. Read it out loud if you can, or read it to someone else as well. Prayerfully ponder the questions: What does God want me to know from this section about Himself? What do I need to know about my sanctification? Why do those who have been declared to be righteous in the sight of God still live unrighteous lives and how can they begin to reconcile their actions with their just status before God?

Please use the following material as you pray about this and as you prepare for the next teaching session 2 at Cross of Glory.

Justification by grace frees us from our obligation to sin (Romans 6:1-7:6)

If salvation comes through faith by grace alone and not through obedience to the Law, then there would appear to be no incentive for those who have been justified by grace to stop participating in sin. In this section of Romans, Paul begins to explain how this is not the case. Salvation does not stop with our being justified; God continues to work on the justified by his sanctifying grace. God will continue the process of salvation through faith, bringing salvation not just from the penalty of sin, but by grace, giving us freedom from the power of sin in our everyday life.

What question does Paul ask in 6:1 which refers back to what he has just said in 5:20-21? Why do you think he asks it?

How does he answer his question in verses 2-10?

Rather than promoting more sin Paul believes that God's lavish grace will promote greater righteousness when we understand his answer and begin to practice what he teaches in verses 6:11-14

Can you identify three proactive steps on our part where by we can begin to overcome the power of sin in our lives?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

When Christ died, through our identification with Him, we died with him to sin. Additionally, when Christ rose from the dead, through our identification with Him in his resurrection, we became alive to God. We are now not under the penalty of sin nor the law but under grace (vs. 14)

Restate Paul's next question about sin, law, and grace in verse 15?

How does he answer this question? See verses 6:16-18

What would you say is a healthy motivation for a "justified sinner" to want to begin to sin less?

How does a "justified sinner" begin to sin less?

What do you learn from Paul's illustration from marriage in (7:1-6?)

Write down any questions you may have from this section and bring this with you to our next session at Cross of Glory.