



# CAPTURED BY GRACE

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Week 5 – Before vs. After

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## Introduction:

### Review...

Week 1 – Law vs. Grace

Week 2 – Distant vs. Close

Week 3 – Dirty vs. Righteous

Week 4 – Victim vs. Victor

2 Timothy 2:15

2 Corinthians 3:6-11

## Understanding “Before vs. After” Means...

1. ...that some of Christ's words don't \_\_\_\_\_ to us

*The misunderstanding of “red letter” Christianity...*

2. ...that the Law of Moses is now \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 8:13

3. ...that the Law Covenant has been \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 8:7-8a

4. ...that we live by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit, not the letter of the Law

1 Corinthians 15:56 – the power of sin is the law

## The Big Idea:

We live on THIS side of the cross, not THAT side of the cross. The difference is critical! Don't be afraid of this New Covenant of grace. It is the foundation of your every freedom!

## **QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION**

### **Personal Life:**

1. In your opinion, why are so many Christians ignorant of differences between those living before the cross and resurrection, and those living after? Do you agree that this can cause confusion or misapplication of Scripture when not acknowledged and understood?

### **Ponderings:**

2. In your own words, try to restate or expand upon the principle that "all Scripture was written FOR us, but not all Scripture was written TO us."
3. Have you ever tried to help a Christian friend understand that some of Jesus' words don't apply to us as New Covenant believers? If so, how did they respond/react? Do you find that this is difficult for some believers to accept? Discuss...
4. Hebrews 8:13 states that the Law of Moses is obsolete as a tool for our maturing process as believers. Why is the Law a perfect diagnostic tool, but a lousy discipleship tool for people living on THIS side of the cross? Discuss...
5. In the final point of the weekend message, we were reminded that "We live by the love of the Spirit, not by the letter of the Law. Why is the guidance, power and love of the Holy Spirit so much more effective in producing Christlike behavior than following a list of rules? Discuss..."

### **Promptings:**

6. The message ended with an emphasis on Romans 6:14. Read this verse individually or as a group and try to make a list of seven reasons why God's grace brings true freedom from the mastery of sin over our lives.

Elect someone in your group to text out one of these seven reasons each day for the next week until you meet again, as encouraging reminders to walk by grace through faith every day.