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Week 15 – Answers to the Big Questions

Introduction:

Romans 5:20 - *The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,*

Eight Big Questions to be Answered...

1. Does God require anything from you as His child?
2. The NT writers often exhort us to live in ways that please the Lord. Does that mean that it is possible for us to displease Him?
3. Is there anything you can do to disappoint the Lord?
4. If God has pronounced your future sins forgiven in the same way that He has pronounced your past sins forgiven, why do Paul and other NT writers address these very sins in their letters, and why does Jesus address them in Revelation 2-3?
5. We agree that the Holy Spirit never condemns us for our sin as believers, but does He ever make us feel uncomfortable when we sin?
6. Since you believe we are not to judge our salvation by our conduct, how can we avoid self-deception?
7. Do you think there's any danger in claiming that the teachings of Jesus before the cross don't apply to believers today?
8. What does it mean to walk in the fear of the Lord?

Closing Thought:

"There is no better test as to whether a man is really preaching the New Testament gospel of salvation than this, that some people might misunderstand it and misinterpret it to mean that it really amounts to this, that because you are saved by grace alone it does not matter at all what you do; you can go on sinning as much as you like because it will redound all the more to the glory of grace. If my preaching and presentation of the gospel of salvation does not expose it to that misunderstanding, then it is not the gospel...There is this kind of dangerous element about the true presentation of the doctrine of salvation." - D. Martin Lloyd-Jones, The New Man: An Exposition of Romans Chapter 6 (London: Banner of Truth, 1972, 8-9).

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Have you ever been misunderstood by someone as you were trying to share the Gospel of grace with them? What do you think are the most common misunderstandings people have about the Gospel today? Share your thoughts...

Ponderings:

As the basis for your Life Group discussion this week, revisit the eight questions presented in the weekend message, sharing your own thoughts, answers and responses to each:

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Promptings:

10. Conclude your time together by choosing one or more of the questions above and exploring it more deeply in the week ahead. Share your choice(s) with your group and why you chose what you did...
11. Pray for each other – for a deeper zeal for the Gospel of Christ and a passion to know Him both experientially and intellectually so that you can share with others.