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## Introduction:

Romans 6:1-2

SUBSTITUTION (Romans 3-5)		IDENTIFICATION (Romans 6-8)	
He died for		I did with	
He died sin		I died sin	
Sin's	is paid	Sin's i	s broken
Justification: righteousness		Sanctification: righteousness	
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# Living the Grace-Life: Three Parts to the Path...

١.	the truth (Romans 6:3-/)
	"for we know that our old self was crucified with Him"
	see Galatians 2:20
2.	the truth (Romans 6:8-11)
	"in the same way, count (consider, reckon) yourselves dead to sin but alive to God"
3.	in the truth (Romans 6:12-14)
	"sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace."

## The Big Idea:

Romans 6:14 - "Sin shall not be your master." (It's not a command, it's a promise).

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

#### Personal Life:

- Based on what we've encountered so far in our journey through the Bible, explain in your own words why grace is so much more powerful than Law as the means by which we live the Christian life...
- 2. What, if anything, still "scares" or "concerns" you about grace? Explain...

## **Ponderings:**

- 3. Read Romans 6:15-18 and discuss the following thoughts and questions...
  - Paul uses the term "slaves to righteousness" as a way to explain what true freedom looks like. Explain in your own words why "slavery to righteousness" is in fact where true freedom is experienced.
- 4. Read Romans 6:19-23 and discuss the following thoughts and questions...
  - In this section Paul affirms that living as slaves to righteousness not only glorifies God, but that there is "benefit" for ourselves and others also! How does a habitually sinful lifestyle result in "death" even in the life of a believer who is "saved" in the eternal sense? Discuss...
- 5. If you are willing, share about a time in your life when either:
  - slavery to sin brought a deathly consequence into your life OR...
  - slavery to righteousness brought a life-giving benefit
  - What lesson(s) were learned from that experience and how can that part of your story serve a redemptive purpose in someone else's life?

## **Promptings:**

- 6. Without naming names, is there a believer very close to you who is stuck in some form of addiction or life-dominating sin? If so, will you commit to praying for the eyes of their heart to be opened to the true freedom of "slavery to righteousness?"
- 7. If you are struggling personally with addiction or life-dominating sin of some kind or if you are plagued with shame and regret in the wake of such a season of life will you begin to rest in the limitless grace of God and trust that as you rest in Him and focus on Him, He will be faithful to empower you to walk in the freedom that is already yours in Christ?