

**The Power of Grace**

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Introduction: Romans 5:20; 6:1, 15 “But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,” “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?” “Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!”

Some were saying maybe sin is not such a bad thing if it causes Gods Grace to increase.

The most beautiful thing of grace is that it is kept in Gods care we cannot spoil it. The power of grace is it is outside of our control. It is all God.

**WE ARE BELIEVERS IN THE STATE OF GRACE**

1. Believers are made new in Christ Jesus.
  - A. Ephesians 4:20-24 like old clothes put off the old and put on the new.
  - B. John 1:11-13
  - C. 2 Corinthians 5:17
2. Believers have new potential through Christ
  - A. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
  - B. 1 Corinthians 15:21-22
  - C. Colossians 3:9-10
3. Believers have new natures in Christ
  - A. 2 Peter 1:4 The Word of God is filled with promised blessings which are ours of which to take hold.
4. Believers have a new life in Christ
  - A. John 5:24 see also Romans 6:11; Ephesians 2:16
5. Believers can experience constant renewal in Christ
  - a. 2 Corinthians 4:16 “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day” See also Romans 12:1,2
6. In Christ, believers have the hope of an eternal heavenly home
  - a. 2 Timothy 4:18; 1 Peter 1:4; John 6:14
7. In Christ, believers have victory over the old nature
  - A. Romans 6:8, 12, 14
8. Believers in Christ are given kingdom authority
  - A. Mark 16:19-20; Matthew 16:19; Matthew 18:18; Luke 9:1-2

**WE ARE SLAVES BUT TO WHOM, Romans 6:14-23**

1. Slavery to God is the only absolute freedom, v. 17
2. We are declared holy by Gods definition with everlasting life, v. 22
3. Wages of sin is death, v. 23
  - a. Sin promises more than it can deliver but righteousness gives more than we can comprehend or take in.

**WHOSE SLAVE ARE YOU?**