

#5 This weekend we saw that God's grace has set us free from slavery to sin and has made it possible to choose (think, "be shackled to") Jesus. As you read a section from Romans 6, make note of the contrast between slavery/freedom and sin/righteousness. (tip... If you have time, read the entire chapter of Romans 6).

Romans 6:15-18, NIV

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

What is the end-game of sin? What is the end-game of obedience?

What does this passage reveal about the character of God?

BE VULNERABLE

#6 This weekend Courtney mentioned that because of God's grace, we have *complete access* to God. How might this truth effect your prayer life? What does it say about the heart of God and his desire for relationship with people?

#7 If Courtney had to give an abbreviated version of this week's sermon, what two points or ideas would you tell her to include no matter what?

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Commit to pray for at least 3 prayer requests from your Life Group)

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GRACE
all the way to
JESUS

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GRACE FOUND MOSES

By God's grace, Moses...

- the fugitive and foreigner was found by God to **rescue** his people from captivity.
- the lawbreaker and murderer was chosen by God to **deliver** the Law to the people.
- the reluctant and tongue-tied leader was made to be an **intercessor** for the people.

Through God's grace, Jesus...

- is the **ransom** to rescue God's people once and for all from sin.
- is the **fulfillment** of the Law.
- is the **mediator** between God and his people.

By God's grace, we...

- live in **freedom** from slavery to sin.
- are called **blameless** and **righteous** in the eyes of God.
- have complete **access** to God - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

LIFE GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of March 17, 2024

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

BE FRIENDLY

#1 Would you rather? ... Would you rather have every traffic light turn green or always have the best parking spot?

#2 Do you have a celebrity look-a-like? Or, has anyone ever told you that you look like someone famous? If yes, who? Do you agree with that person? If no, who do you think could your celebrity look-a-like?

BE OPEN

#3 This weekend we saw that Jesus is the mediator between God and his people. This means that Jesus is actively going between God and people as a priest and intercessor. Below are a few passages that describe Jesus' role as mediator. Note what stands out to you.

Hebrews 4:14-16, NIV

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,^[a] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

1 John 2:1-2, NIV

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hebrews 9:11-15, NIV

¹¹But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹²He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴How much more, then,

will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! ¹⁵For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

What insights into Jesus' role as priest or mediator can you draw from these passages?

What are some of the blessings that we receive as a direct result of Jesus being the mediator between God and his people?

#4 This weekend we learned that by God's grace, those who put their faith in Jesus are called *blameless* and *righteous* in the eyes of God. How do the verses below help explain this reality?

Ephesians 1:3-6, NIV

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

1 Corinthians 1:5-8, NIV

⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Colossians 1:23-25, NIV

²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

How would you paraphrase these verses in your own words?