

## Under Grace Over Sin Part 4

### **Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

- We've been saying that sin not dominating your life is connected to you not being under the law but being under grace.
- Remember how we've been defining the law.
  - The law that came through Moses on Mt. Sinai in the wilderness put a demand on us to perform up to God's standard out of this corrupt flesh and put a demand of judgment on us for not performing up to that standard.
  - So because we couldn't meet the demands of the law to walk in righteousness through this weak flesh we were bound to the judgment of the law which was separation from God, sickness, pain, disease, poverty, enemy bondage and so on.
  - So because of our weak flesh that couldn't meet the demands of the law sin stayed in dominion over us separating us from God and causing us to be susceptible to His judgments.
    - We could not overcome this sinful corrupt nature through our flesh in order to meet the righteous demands of the law so we stayed bound to the judgments of the law.
- But we are no longer under the law because of the finished works of Jesus.
  - **Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**
  - When Jesus was born of the virgin birth and became a man, as a man he became subject to the law and its demands.
  - He did this so that he could fulfill the demands of the law that we couldn't.
  - So now if we will put our faith in what he did fulfilling the law we can come out from under the demands of the law and sin can no longer dominate us and separate us from God.
- So now under grace the righteousness of the law is not demanded it's supplied.
  - Under the law we were demanded to walk in righteousness but under grace we demand that the Holy Spirit guide us into all truth.
  - Under the law the demand was put on us but under grace we put the demand on God.
- But the problem is even though we are no longer under the law spiritually we are still under the law mentally.

- In the church today we may not be under the law spiritually anymore but we are serving God with a law mentality.
- What is a law mentality?
  - It's the mentality that men had under the law which is I must perform good enough in order to be accepted and blessed by God.
  - It's a mentality of trying to earn and deserve God's favor out of your works.
- Why do we still have this law mentality?
  - It's because the law is being taught and preached in our churches.
  - Law teaching and preaching is any teaching and preaching that produces a performance mentality in you and puts the emphasis on your works instead of the finished works of Jesus.
  - Law teaching and preaching is teaching and preaching that takes your faith out of Jesus and puts it in your flesh and what you can do to make you righteous and accepted and therefore makes Jesus of no effect unto you.
  - So when I go back into the law and I preach to you scriptures where god's blessings where conditional on what the children of israel did or didn't do then I'm going to put you in a law mentality.
- But the problem with the law mentality is this.
  - Even though we are out from under the law and therefore out from under the dominion of sin, If I preach the law to you and put you back under the law in your mind, we will get the same results that we got when men were under the law and sin was dominating them.
  - Now sin won't dominate us in the fact that it will keep God from loving us or cause God to leave us and cut us off and throw us into hell.
  - But it will dominate us in the area of guilt and condemnation. It will dominate us in fear because we will fear the judgment of God and fear him not answering us or moving in our lives which will inturn make us fear sickness and the circumstances of life because what if God doesn't move for me because i've not been good enough. And what we are going to continue to talk about tonight is sin will dominate us under a law mentality in that it will multiply and increase in our lives not decrease.

**Romans 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.**

- Without the law sin was dead.
  - Sin is in active and inoperative without the law

- Sin took an occasion or an opportunity by the commandment or law and produced in me all manner of evil lusts.
  - In other words the law gave the sin in me, in my flesh, the opportunity to stir up evil sinful lusts or passions in me.
- Paul was referring to when he was a sinner and came into the understanding of the law.
  - The law gave the sin in him the opportunity to stir up sinful passions and therefore produce sin.
- You may not be a sinner but you still have flesh to deal with.
  - Remember that there is a difference between being in the flesh and after the flesh.
  - **Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**
  - So if you are born again and the spirit of God dwells in you then you are not in the flesh.
    - So in the flesh means that you are not saved and still married to the old man.
  - **Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**
  - So if I can be in Christ and not walk after the flesh then that means I can be in Christ and walk after the flesh.
    - So I can't be in Christ and in the flesh.
    - But I can be in Christ and walk after the flesh.
  - Which means that you must still have flesh to deal with even when you are in Christ and born again and the old man dies.
    - So now to walk after the flesh is to be controlled and dictated by the flesh which is thinking, desiring, choosing, talking, acting outside of the influence of the Holy Ghost.
    - As long as you have free will and the authority not to submit to the Holy Ghost you will have flesh.
- So then If I have flesh then I still have sin and it's sinful lusts and the potential to sin in me.
  - Not in my born again spirit but in my unredeemed soul and body.
  - The sinful nature that came in through my spirit through Adam contaminated my soul and body as well.
- So if I preach the law to you as a born again believer then I'm going to give the sin in your flesh the opportunity to produce sinful passions in you and cause you to sin.

- Why? Because when I preach law to you I'm pulling you out of the spirit realm where there is no sin into the fleshly realm where there is sin.
- If I preach the law to you then I'm causing you to start functioning out of your flesh and trying to produce out of your flesh and there is no good thing in your flesh.
- So therefore if I'm giving your flesh the opportunity to work and I'm giving it the opportunity to produce sin.
- If I preach law to you and cause you to start operating in the flesh and then out of will power you try to start walking in righteousness. Then out of will power you are going to have to deny the lusts that will get stirred up.

Another way that the law gives the sin in your flesh the opportunity to produce more sin is the law produces sin consciousness.

- So one of the things I noticed that God was after by sending Jesus and getting us out from under the law was getting rid of sin consciousness.
  - He wanted man to be able to not have to be conscious of their sin anymore and focus on it and be conscious of the fact that they were a sinner and separated from God.
  - He wanted them to be less conscious of their sins' and mistakes and more conscious of Him and His presence.
- **Hebrews 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**
  - So from this we see that God was desiring something that he couldn't get through the law and that was to make the worshiper perfect and righteous so they would've have to be conscience of their sins.
  - God wanted to make sin a none issue when it came to worshiping Him.
  - He wanted them to freely be able to come to Him without fear, guilt, shame and without having to go through a priest with sacrifices.
- **Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**
  - The blood of animals couldn't purge your conscience from sin so that you could freely worship god because the animals couldn't pay the full

payment for sin because it wasn't an animal that sinned in the garden it was a man.

- But the blood of the man Jesus was payment enough for you sins so that you could be made righteous and now through the blood of Jesus you don't have to be sin conscious anymore because now you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- So now I'm not conscious of sin that separated me under the law. I'm conscious of my supplied righteousness under grace.
- So I don't go into the presence of God anymore with sin consciousness because of the blood and I'm not reminded by a yearly animal sacrifice or a veil hanging between me and the glory of God.
- I go into the presence of God conscious of my righteousness through Jesus Christ.
- But if I preach law to you then I'm going to put you back in that state of sin consciousness where you are conscious of your weak flesh and it's sinful passions.
  - When this happens you will not be conscious of your righteousness and you will not see yourself as righteous and able to come into the presence of God but you will see yourself as a sinner separated from God.
  - Sin consciousness will produce an image on the inside of you of a sinner.
- **Prov 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.**
  - So how you think in your heart is going to determine who you are or who you manifest.
    - In other words we could say the way you believe about yourself in your heart or see yourself in your heart or the image of yourself that you have in your heart will determine who you are.
  - So you could be born again, the righteousness of God, full of the Holy Ghost, have all authority and all power over all the power of the enemy but if you don't see that or believe that about yourself you will never manifest it.
    - It's not enough to just get saved you have to renew your mind to who you are in the spirit.
    - And since the mind tends to forget things then you have to renew you mind on a regular basis a daily basis even.
- This is also why Paul in Ephesians 1 Paul prayed for them to receive revelation.
  - It didn't matter what they had become or received if they didn't have revelation of it and see it for themselves.

- So if I preach the law to you and make you sin conscious then you are going to see yourself as a sinner and if you see yourself as a sinner, according to proverbs 23:7 you will manifest a sinner.
  - Therefore the law doesn't limit sin and will produce more sin in your life.
  - But if I will preach grace and the blood to you and make you conscious of your righteousness and you see yourself as perfect and righteous through the blood of Jesus, will as a man thinketh so is he.

So under grace God still wants us to live right but right living is not going to come by the law. Right believing is what will produce right living. The law will only produce more sin.

- The law is behavior modification without modifying the person and how they see themselves.
- But grace is behavior modification by modifying the person and then how they see themselves.
- If I preach the law to you as a born again new testament believer I'm trying to get behavior modification without modifying your thinking.
- So under grace if I want behavior modification it starts with modifying how you see yourself as a child of God.

Go into talking about romans 12:2 and ephesians 4 alienated from the life of God and the process of thoughts, choices, habits character.