



Romans 5v17

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Living under grace

1) GRACE AND IDENTITY

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Who are you?

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| ❖ 180cm tall with brown hair | APPEARANCE |
| ❖ Becci's husband | FAMILY |
| ❖ Employee of Jubilee Church | OCCUPATION |
| ❖ ESTJ (Myers Briggs) | PERSONALITY |

When you become a Christian you get a whole new identity

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- An amazing transformation takes place!

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Romans 5v12

- We were totally associated with Adam in his sin

- His sin was credited to us

- No matter what you did, you would always be credited with Adam's sin.

When Eric eats a banana....



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We are now “in Christ”

- An amazing transformation takes place!
- We are totally associated with Jesus in his righteousness
- His righteousness is credited to us as a free gift
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- Now a “saint”
- You are now one of his “holy ones”
- Born again
- **You are a whole new person with a whole new identity**

The old has gone

- “**We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.**” Romans 6v6-8
- No longer a “sinner”

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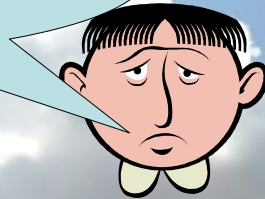
“**There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**” Romans 8v1

“**For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ”** Romans 8v14-17

“**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?....No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**” Romans 8v35-37

1) Grace and Identity

*“But I don’t feel like
this!!”*



What is the missing word?

2 Corinthians 5v17

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2) GRACE MISUNDERSTOOD

2) Grace misunderstood

❖ Legalism

- i.e. relating to God based on your performance rather than on the basis of his grace
- Good intentions (e.g. targets for Bible reading) can lead to legalism
- We need to know that God always accepts us through Jesus

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2) Grace misunderstood

❖ Licence

- i.e. “it doesn’t matter if I sin because God will forgive me”
- This turns amazing grace into cheap grace

“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”

Romans 6v1-2

“Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.”

Romans 6v11-13

- We are dead to sin and need to get our **THINKING** and **ACTIONS** in line with this
- Learning to say “no” is part of godly living. It is grace that instructs us

2) Grace misunderstood

❖ Laziness

- i.e. thinking grace means I just put my feet up

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me." 1 Corinthians 15v10

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2v8-10

- As an adopted son or daughter, He then gives me things to do
- Grace sets us free for a life of adventure