

Romans 6...Understanding Grace

We want to look into Romans 6, but first let's look at Romans 5:2. *By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* That's an awesome verse where we have access by faith to be able to enter into His grace that He will work with us. We enter into His grace for one purpose and one purpose only; that is, for Him to help us be rid of the world and fully live in the supernatural. To leave the world, living in the supernatural, and yet being on the face of the earth. And so He says in Romans 6:1, *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?* Should we keep sinning that we may feel the grace of God? Well, it doesn't work that way. If you want the grace of God, it will only be there with you if you want to be free of the world. If you are happy to live in the world and love it, you will never enter into His grace. God doesn't give His precious things to swine that drag it in the mud. He gives His precious things to those who want to come out of the activity of the world to live in the activity of the supernatural. And so he says, verse 2, *God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?* We have to die to our sins at the cross like Jesus did. To receive the blood of Jesus we have to go there and be part of the death process so that we no longer are bound to sin and live any longer in that realm of sin, or the world. Verse 3, *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?* So what he's saying is, don't you know that the only way you can be born again is to experience the death that Jesus experienced at the cross? That is, Jesus died on the cross, not for Him but for us, and so we have to go to the cross to receive the life by first dying at that place. And if we don't die at that place we're not saved. I don't care what anybody says, it's very clear in the Bible that for you to be saved is to go to the cross and experience Jesus death, not in the way He did, but for us. He was perfect and because He was perfect then He could die once and for all for all sin if you want Him. He will then give you the power to defeat the world in you if you want it. And that's called grace. None of us deserve for the deity of God, who is perfect in all of His ways, to mess with messy, filthy people. The closer you get to God, the more light you see, and the more wickedness that you see in humanity. And that brings you to a place of greater love for Him because He was willing in your dirtiness to help you come out of it if you want it. If you don't want it that's fine but He's not going to help you and you won't be living in grace like you think you are. Verse 4, *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death.* When someone wants to be baptized I tell them, when you go down, you are saying before God that I am willing to die to this world to take on the supernatural of where He lives. And that's what he's saying right here. *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.* What it means to be baptized is that when you go down you let the world be washed away by the water baptism so that when you come forth you have newness of life to live in the supernatural with Him. If you understand what baptism is, and you are baptized, you come up changed. Verse 5, *For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:* When we are raised from that dead place of the world and come alive in the supernatural, we have a portion in us of what it's going to be like for all eternity, and that is, the supernatural. We have the deposit of eternal life, which is called everlasting life. On this earth you will not have eternal life, but you have the promise of it when it's over because He wants to make sure that you will make it through to the end so that He won't have another satan in His kingdom. So therefore we must continue to the end and then after that God is going to set a fire upon the earth and all of the elements, all the energy of sin, will be burned up so that everything will be pure like it was in the beginning of creation with the absence of satan. That kingdom of satan will not be upon the earth but will be thrown into the bottomless pit. And it will be there forever. Never again will we have to deal with satan's kingdom, or the kingdom of darkness because God said He will be the light and there will be no darkness, meaning there will only be the kingdom of God on the earth and we will inherit it to live forever with God. That's what makes me happy and that's what gets me through no matter what comes. What is set before me and set before you is that place of eternally living with the Creator. How can you turn your face away from that opportunity for a little bit of pain or a little struggle or whatever it is that happens on the earth? That's why Paul wrote, whether you or Jew or Gentile, man or

woman, there is nothing that can keep you from the love of God if you want Him. Nothing. It's your choice whether you want to leave Him or not.

Verse 6-7, *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:* So the door to Christ is your death to the world. That is the door to the kingdom of God. Death at the cross. Jesus said, "I am the door and anyone that wants to come in must come through Me." That's where it's at right there. The door to the sheepfold of Jesus is at the cross where you die and you leave the world there and you become a new creation in Christ Jesus to live and fellowship with Him upon the earth and then forever. Verse 8, *Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:* And where does Jesus live right now? He lives in the heavenlies. And as we learn and as we increase in God and use the seven senses that God has given us we can live in the supernatural. And only those that have died to the world are given the keys, which are the seven eyes of God, to live in the supernatural. Those who haven't died to the world can't understand nor can they see. And neither can you prove it to them because the access is by faith. You die believing that God is going to resurrect you to the newness of new life.

Verse 9, *Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.* You have to do that by faith. Then the quickening spirit that is in Jesus will quicken you into the heavenlies and you are born into that realm. At first you are like a little baby that has to learn how to live in the world he was born into. Until a baby comes out of the womb it can't comprehend the world it is going to live in. Just like you dying at the cross, you are birthed into a new realm and it takes a while for you to be able to begin to fellowship and to see and to know what you see, just like it is in the physical for a baby. Verse 12, *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.* So as you begin to grow in that realm it says, let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body. What does it mean by reigning? Well that's what Romans 7 is about, is how sin reigns in you. It makes you do things you don't want to do. But the Lord is there with grace so that when you are learning and you make a mistake He doesn't condemn you. Have you ever seen a parent with a little child that is trying to learn to walk beat him because he fell after one step? No! The parent says, "Yay, you took a step!" But the devil comes to us and says, "you're a brat. You're no good. You failed." "No, I'm a child learning how to walk and the Lord is happy that I made a step." That's the way you have to look at it. Don't allow the devil to condemn you when you take a step and fall. We learn by falling. We learn through hardships. Verse 13, *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.* Now, when you enter into the supernatural you are credited to your account righteousness. Abraham was credited righteousness, not because he was righteous but because he was willing to leave the world that he knew and walk in the promise of the supernatural of a city that wasn't built by hands of man. And as you step out and leave death behind you and begin to take on the things of God, you are credited for righteousness. You're going to inherit righteousness which is power to destroy the kingdom of satan. And so as a result of that you are given righteousness to destroy sin that is in you. And that's what he's talking about here.

Now, where are there members in your body? When God breathed into man, He breathed into us the ability for our body to function. Take for instance eating food. If you would take a carrot and pull it out of the ground; remember, there are worms that have crawled around it, manure that you have put in the garden, and out of the ground and manure came a carrot. You can take that carrot, hose it off, cut off the green and the root, and you can eat it. But if you would take that carrot, cut open your body and stick it inside you, you would die. It has germs. Yet when you eat that carrot it goes in your stomach, through your intestines and out of your body and the only thing that the body keeps are the nutrients needed to keep your inner body alive. That's the way you live in the world. You can live in

this world but not participate. Your gut which knows the good things that can go into your body and not pollute it is the same spirit that can divide right and wrong upon the earth. Some things you can believe and do will not bring destruction to your soul and your life in Christ. There is the old saying, I have a gut feeling. Why do they say I have a gut feeling? Well, I can feel it in my gut. Yes, do you know why? Because that's the place you separate the world from God. It's the same area physically and spiritually. It's mentioned in the Bible. Jesus said, you can eat and it goes through and separates and the things that are destructive to the body just pass on through. God made it that way. And He spoke to the stomach and the intestines and the colon to do that. And it does! So therefore you use that same thing for discerning right from wrong. And it's the Spirit of God that does that. That's what he's talking about the different instruments. Now how would they know that back then? Well they just knew it by the Spirit. Satan uses different parts of your body, to make them dead so you can't discern like God created you to do. That's what it's talking about right here. So let's read that again. *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:* The members of your body. Your hands, your feet, your heart. Your heart is a member of your body and God wants to put the covenant there. Satan wants to own your heart for a different purpose, to do evil, to labor to satisfy your own flesh. So, *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.* So what you have to do with your body is you have to realize that the word of God, which is the Spirit of God, the word of God that said, bring life into that being, is there. It's alive in you and you can use that Spirit either to serve the world or to serve God but if you use it to serve God then it will change and you have to get rid of the sin that is in the members of your body so that you can use them as instruments like the gauges on your car or the gauges on an airplane. When you look at those gauges you can tell what's going on. If you are dead you don't even know that those instruments exist. The only way you know they exist is to stop the sin from making your instruments in you dead. And all those instruments then will magnify the Lord as you get free step by step from all of those things that are sin in you. And you say there are things that you want to do but can't do it. That's because sin is in those instruments that God made for you to discern His kingdom and Satan's kingdom. When man fell Satan took over and deadened through sin the instruments of knowing and feeling the presence of God. And as you remove them you become alive in Christ Jesus. And that's why you need grace.

Verse 15, *What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.* Why do we need the law? Why was law given? Law was given when the word of God came in you to be alive. The problem is you sinned and sin took over your body so you needed the law to tell you what was right and wrong. Your conscience was your whole being. But it's dead because of sin. But as you are born again into a new realm and you leave the world behind those things begin to come alive as they are removed and life comes to them. It may take a little while for you to understand this, but study it and study it until you come to the grip that you are the living word like Jesus was and you can discern between the spirit of God that's in you with the different functions and what they are. Not everything is a heart. Not everything in me is emotions. Not everything that is in me is feelings, although I can feel every part of my body. And so if you want to leave that sin in you, you will never know how you were created. But the whole thing is that Jesus came to set us free from sin and death so that we can be readjusted back into the realm that He created us in the beginning. And that's what Paul is talking about. You use your body as instruments of evil because you don't realize what you are doing. You're destroying the ability to communicate with God. God gave us the law so that we would know right from wrong. But in the beginning they only knew what was right. But when they ate of the tree of good and evil then sin took over and they went astray from God. Law tells you what's right and wrong, but law doesn't give you the power to change. Righteousness does. Verse 16, *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?* Obedience ushers you into righteousness. Obedience in itself doesn't save you, but it ushers you into a place that you can be saved. And so if you don't seek God but only walk in obedience, you are in obedience with law. And in law there isn't love like there is in righteousness. In righteousness you love the Lord and

you're obedient because you love Him. But if it's law you obey the law. You can go into a new residential area and when its first being developed there are roads and you follow the roads but there are no stop signs, only street signs telling you the road names to you drive along and turn this way, and then turn that way, until you get to the house you are looking for. But as more homes are added they end up putting stop signs at the intersections. Now if a policeman is parked somewhere and you run that stop sign, he will give you a ticket. But you always just went through before, and then they put the sign up. But before they put the stop sign up there was no sin in going through that intersection. You just went. You watched and you went on through. But when law is there you have to stop and if you don't you're going to get a ticket. That's law. It's hard. If you don't stop, you run the stop sign and a policeman sees you, you can argue all you want to, but the sign says "stop." That's the way the law is. It keeps you from being killed. Law doesn't have relationship in it. It doesn't have love in it, other than it keeps you from injury maybe, makes it a little safer maybe, but it's law. But righteousness is relationship with the Creator to help you and to give you the ability to discern right from wrong and to be accompanied with you when you're walking in the things of the Spirit to know what you should do and what you shouldn't. And if you're confused with what I'm saying it's because you've never been taught how it really is in the spirit realm. It may take you a while to figure it out. Verse 17, *But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart* (where the covenant is) *that form of doctrine which was delivered you, Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; which is self-centeredness unto self-centeredness, even so now yield your members servant to righteousness unto holiness.* So all the areas of your inner being you have now been given righteousness, then walk in the righteousness of heaven. And if you do, satan can't get to you. The reason that Jesus was even tempted was because He was flesh. But Jesus said, satan has no grip in Me. Isn't that what it says? It says satan tried to destroy Me but I never allowed satan to own any part of My inner being, therefore he has no hold on Me. I willfully give My life at the cross for your sins that he has a grip on your members. But he has nothing in Me therefore I will be resurrected and live forevermore with My Father and if you are willing to go to the cross and die there for your sins at the cross where I gave you the power to receive what I have, that is the resurrection life to come out of the world and live in the supernatural, if you're willing to do that I will resurrect you, or quicken you, to life everlasting and I will teach you the ways of God, or the ways of the Spirit, because God is spirit, and to be able to function and eventually be able to fellowship with the Father, even in this world. He said I've come that you might know My Father. Jesus loved His Father, so much that in I Corinthians 15 He said when all of the kingdoms of this world will be destroyed and taken over by the church through my leading, we are going to then hand back all the kingdoms to the Father that He might be Lord of all. What an awesome thing to think about! That when it's all done we love the Father. He's so righteous, He's so holy, He's so perfect in all of His ways that we want Him to be in charge of everything. So, verse 20, *For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.* When you were servants of sin you were free from being righteous. You didn't have to walk in the righteousness of heaven because you were free of it. It's very important to understand that. The reason that the world has a realm of happiness is that they have refused the righteousness of God and just for a season enjoy the pleasures of their flesh. But it's only a season. They choose to do that and God lets them do it. But for those who don't want that, satan will try to keep you from serving God because there is no salvation made for satan. His destiny is numbered and he doesn't want you to have what he can't have. That's how wicked he is. Verse 21, *What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? The things you did in the world, what kind of fruit did you have? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

What we have covered so far is that sin is in the members of your body affecting all the areas that God commanded and if those things get strong enough they will disrupt the function of your body and you get sick. Romans 7:9, *For I was alive without the law once:* He said, I was born again and I was alive without the law. That means that he was

quicken into the supernatural and he didn't live by the law, he lived by grace. *But when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.* Now what in the world does that mean? What commandment is he talking about? We have a lot of commandments. But when you are born again God doesn't demand you to walk in all of the commandments because you've been freed from the world and the sin in you and you're dead and now He quickens you and wants to teach you the things that He's quickened in you and bring you to new life and freedom that you never experienced and nobody else has except for those who have also been quickened. And you're under grace to make mistakes but if you keep trying He'll keep working with you until you get it right. And so the first thing that He does is He says, I want you to change, and I'm going to cleanse this area of your life, or one of the members in your body. And so when the commandment comes to change and to remove the sin that's in you, that's what he's talking about. That's the command. Every one of you that have been born again have experienced God saying I want you to change this area. Well that commandment, when it comes to you to change, in that area, it says, when the commandment came, sin revived. Why is it revived? Because when you were born again sin was covered in you by the blood. But now you have to remove it by the righteousness, or the power of God. And that is your warfare. When God's commandment says, now, I'm going to require you to move on, you have to get rid of this area of sin in you. Why is that? It's because there's a strong man in every person's life and the Bible says, taught by Jesus, that to remove the strong man you one by one take down the unclean spirits around him that that makes him strong. And so you take the weakest one out, and God knows which one is the weakest. And you take it and get rid of it in your life. Then, when that area becomes strong, you have enough power to take the next weakest one, and you keep going until you get all of the unclean spirits, or the sin that is in you, that needs to come out, that has made the strong man now weak and you can get rid of him just like you did the others because now you have much more strength and power, much more authority and knowledge of how to fight the enemy. And so, when the commandment came, sin revived. So how does sin revive? Well, when that sin was covered by Jesus blood, now is lifted and you're going through a process and you don't feel God anywhere, you wonder if you're even saved. Well that's the lifting of that area where God wants you to change. He's exposing, He's allowing that sin to be manifested in you so you can see what has to be removed. And when that thing is removed and you have victory you feel the presence of God again. And then He goes on to the next area. It was prophesied by Isaiah, Little by little, bit by bit, here a little and there a little, and eventually you get rid of the sin from the world that's in you that was covered so that it couldn't affect you until you get strong enough to deal with it. But when it's uncovered, God says, I won't give you more than you're able to bear. Therefore he does it this way. I've experienced it for 30 plus years. Little by little. I was taught that when I accept Jesus and He comes into my heart I'm clean and there's nothing in me anymore. But I was still naughty. And I couldn't understand it. I said, I must be the most terrible person in the world because they say that I'm clean and white inside but yet I'm naughty. And it discouraged me because how can I be clean and white and still be naughty? Maybe I'm the only one in the world that experienced that. No? When God opens it up, He opens it up so you can see what's in you that's offensive to Him and now it's time for you to be removing that. If you make a mistake it's all right because you're wanting to get rid of it, He's wanting to help you get rid of it, and He's going to stick with you until you get rid of it and if you make a mistake that's not sin, neither is a little child that falls when he takes one step. You make one step and you're on your journey to getting rid of it and all heaven is clapping and saying, "Yes! Keep going! Keep going!" But the devil is saying, "you're a rat. You're the scum of the earth. You aren't worth anything! Look what you did. You messed up!" I used to tell the devil when he said that to me, "I'm going to make it. I'm under grace. You won't, because you blew it. You knew what you had, you knew who God was, you knew everything about it and you tried to take it over. There is no salvation for you, but there is for me, because Jesus made the way." And so when sin was revived, I died. Why? Because my life was centered in that area of sin of death and I could feel that death and I hated it. Therefore I began to cry out for the Lord to give me what I need. John 1:12 says He's given us power to become sons of the living God. And if you don't understand this you'll go through all of life with all those sins there and you'll never have an overcoming spirit until you begin to push those things off and become alive in Him so that all of your instruments are alive. How many of you would like to go down the road with only one cylinder working on your engine? That's the way you are. You may be running on two cylinders or on three

cylinders, but you have eight of them available the way you were created. But you won't have the power of eight cylinders until you get them all going, and what keeps them from going is the sin that's in the world and in the members of your body, and you don't know them yet but God does and He will show them to you. I don't know how many times that I've heard, "I wonder if I'm even saved." The reason you wonder that is because you're right in that place and God has opened it up and there was the world in you, uncovered, that you didn't know was there. God did all the time and yet He was able to help you. That's why I rarely say anything, but I can see things in you that need to be changed, I can see things in me. I remember one area, I said, God, when are you ever going to get to changing that thing in me? I don't even know what it was anymore. But I saw it for years. And one day it came time to remove that and God through His patience removed that thing from me and it changed me. And He gave me more authority and power because I was being renewed. I was in the grip of God in the regeneration process. If you're in the process of being regenerated that's what this is that I'm talking about right here. It's all through the Bible. It's just that if you don't know the process of going through it you don't even know what they are talking about. Christ will quicken that spot in you that looks dead. He'll quicken it and make life out of it and you'll have extra authority and power to take on the next thing that's in you. That's how you learn how to function out of the seven eyes of God. You use them first to get rid of the stuff that's in you. Now how can you tell the difference between those that are in the regeneration process and those that aren't? If you're not in the regeneration process you are trying to serve God by law and law brings death. You'll never be saved out of law. And most of the people that are in law are mean and ugly. If you are a man of the spirit and you were under grace and you went through this process you have great patience with anyone else who is trying to come out of it because you had to go through the same thing and you know what it was like. I don't have to stand there and put my bony finger in front of you and say you better straighten up and act a certain way. People in the law do that, because law is harsh. It doesn't have relationship in it. Law brings death because there is no relationship. Jesus came to make a way for you to live above that law. You live above it by having relationship.

I hope that you study Romans 6 and really get it in you. To understand the process that God takes every person through. That's why John said he that says he has no sin in him is a liar and the truth isn't in him. If you say you have no sin in you, you're a liar. If you recognize that you have sin in you then the Holy Spirit has done a work in you because He comes to convince you of the sin that lies within you. But don't let the enemy destroy you in saying you are no good and you'll never make it. The only way you'll never make it is if you quit. Otherwise you will make it. And in the kingdom of God, He died for those that want Him. And so He doesn't care where you've come from, He doesn't care what you have done, He wants to know how far you are ready to go.