

THE GRACE AWAKENING
IF YOU'RE FREE, WHY NOT LIVE LIKE IT?
ROMANS 6:1-15



The Heart of the Matter

Many Christians are just beginning to get a grasp of grace. Because it is so liberating, some still think it's too good to be true. It is not! But to capitalize on the benefits of living in the freedom of grace rather than in the narrow and restrictive confines of the Law or sin's domination, we must break some old habits. We must retrain ourselves to operate our lives as victors instead of victims (Romans 6), a perspective that is seldom emphasized by Christians today. Having been emancipated from slavery to our old master (sin), we're to live like free men and women. Most believers have no trouble believing that Christ's death has delivered us from sin's penalty and guilt, but when it comes to sin's authority over us . . . well, things get a little fuzzy. Tragically, many in God's liberated family live like they're still enslaved to their old master. And so we need to answer two questions: Can we really live above sin's dominion? And has sin truly lost its authority over us? Grace shouts, "YES!"



Discovering the Way

1. Reviewing Some Realities Regarding Spiritual Slavery

Since the fall of humanity, all people have been born in bondage to sin. As a result, Christ came to set us free. However, many Christians still live as though they are enslaved.

2. Understanding the Major Themes from Romans 6 (Romans 6:1–2, 15)

In Romans 6, Paul recognized that Christians often drift to one of two extremes: we fail to claim our liberty, or we take our liberty too far.

3. Living Out Our Freedom Over Sin (Romans 6:3–14)

In order to truly live out our freedom as God intended, we must know our position before God, we must consider that believers are dead to sin's power and alive with God's power, and we must present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness.



Starting Your Journey

Remember two practical warnings: first, breaking old habits is always a battle, and, second, finding and enjoying new freedom is worth all the effort.



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