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The "RESULTS" of Salvation (5:1-8-8:39) "Free from the Wrath of God!"

- Peace With God

"Therefore, since we have been **made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God** because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." Romans 5:1 NLT

We have access to God's Grace

"Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory." Romans 5:2 NLT

We have **RECONCILIATION** (a medical term that speaks to mending a broken bone) "For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son." Romans 5:10 NLT

"Because **one person (Adam) disobeyed** God, many became **sinners (you and I)**. But because **one other person (Jesus) obeyed** God, **many will be made righteous (you and I)**." Romans 5:19 NLT

Grace Defeats Sin!

"God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant." Romans 5:20 NLT

(We are only aware of sin because there are laws...)

We only know that it is wrong because the law says do not do it...(it's also written on our heart)

But because of that, there's something in us that says why does God not want us to do those things.... Creating a curiosity to want to do it more... And so, as sin increase thankfully Grace became more abundant as well...

Now this doesn't mean that we totally take advantage of God's grace, but it is security to know that when you sin, God has grace for you....

Chapter 6 "We are FREE from Sin!"

(Sin no longer must have power in our lives)

Shall we continue in Sin?

"Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace?"

Romans 6:1 NLT

"Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?" Romans 6:2 NLT

How do we experience TRUE freedom from sin?

- realized that you are no longer a slave to sin...

****important***

"We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin."

Romans 6:6 NLT

You are dead to Sin

"So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus."

Romans 6:11 NLT

Don't partner with Sin

"Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God." Romans 6:13 NIT

transfer your energy

"Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to **righteous living** so that you will become holy."

Romans 6:19 NLT

Chapter 7 FREE FROM THE LAW!

Is law evil?

"Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet.""

Romans 7:7 NLT

"But sin used this command to arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power." Romans 7:8 NLT

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(Sin made me do it...)

The "Law" is NOT EVIL...WE ARE!

"So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin." Romans 7:14 NLT

The struggle with sin...

"And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway." Romans 7:18-19 NLT

My desire is there, but I can't seem to get beyond my sin struggle... Paul comes to this conclusion and say:

"Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?

Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So, you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin." Romans 7:24-25 NLT

Chapter 8 Freedom through the Spirit

"So **now** there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1 NLT

******The law is a mirror ... Not a cure!** (It shows us ourselves but can't fix us)

"The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. **So God did what the law could not do.** He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins." Romans 8:3 NLT

The law is a mirror (shows it to you) ... Not a cure! Christ Jesus gives us a fixer, who is Holy Spirit, We are to **Walk in the Spirit**

"Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit." Romans 8:5 NLT

****QUESTION FOR TONIGHT? Where are you applying your mind? ****

Not only do we have the "power" of the Holy Spirit,

The INTERCESSION of the Holy Spirit

"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words."

Romans 8:26 NLT

God's Love Secures Us

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 NLT