

The Gospel's Second Defense of Grace

Romans 6:20-23 (part 5)

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INTRODUCTION:

The gospel twice defends grace against the slander of the grace-skeptic.

Gospel Defense #1 (Rm 6:1-14): Grace, IN NO WAY, is in partnership with sin in the believer's life, Rm 6:1-2a.

Gospel Defense #2 (Rm 6:15-23): Grace, IN NO WAY, is rivaled by law in the fight against sin in the believer's life, Rm 6:15.

Therefore, grace's unrivaled power against sin in the believer:

1. Contrasts and clarifies the only two slave categories possible, 6:16. (review)
2. Creates thankfulness to God for my new slavery, 6:17. (review)
3. Delivered me over to a teaching pattern with heart-generated obedience, 6:17. (review)
4. Abruptly displaced my old slavery with my new slavery, 6:17-18. (review)
5. Speaks clearly to me to make my new slavery understandable, 6:19. (review)
6. Commands me to arrive at sanctification as surely as I used to arrive in lawlessness, 6:19. (review)
7. Reminds me that righteousness used to have no dominion over me, 6:20.

8. Exposes the fruitless life and fatal end my old slavery to sin secured for me, 6:21.

9. Transformed me such that I now am ashamed of my sin, 6:21.

10. Promises fruitful holiness and eternal life in my new slavery to God, 6:22.

11. Climaxes the staggering contrast between sin and God and the outcomes of their slaveries, 6:23.