

Maranatha Men's Training Camp

# Abounding Grace

Romans: Becoming a Man of God

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## Romans 6:1-23 – The New Life of Freedom

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." ...2Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

### MAIN POINT

- *We are not bound by Christianity...we are set free by it!*
- *Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin". ... "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" ...John 8:34&36*

### The New Life...

Scripture: Romans 6:1-14, 2Corinthians 5:17,

Read **Romans 6:3-4** together...

1. What does it mean to be baptized **into** Christ Jesus?
2. What is the purpose of getting baptized in water? What's the difference?
3. Which one enables us to "walk in newness of life"?

Read **Romans 6:6-14** together...

In these verses we see our Condition, our Mindset, and our Response to what has been done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the redemption that we experience through Him.

Read each verse(s) separately, talk about what is being explained, and describe what it means for us...

1. Our **Condition**...Romans 6:6-7, Ephesians 2:1-10, 2Corinthians 5:17
2. Our **Mindset**...Romans 6:11, Romans 12:2
3. Our **Response**...Romans 6:12-14, 1Peter 1:13-16

## Group Discussion

**Slave or Free?...**

Read **Romans 6:15-23** together from the *New Living Translation* below...

*Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.*

*Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. 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.*

*When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

In these verses we're reminded of the imprisonment and bondage of sin. Though at times seemingly harmless or enticing, the result of sin always leads to shame, destruction, hurt, loss, and brokenness, for both the individual, and those influenced or effected by the choices and situation.

1. What does it mean to be a slave of something?
2. Is it possible to be a slave of something and think you are free? ...Explain
3. Is it possible to be free and think you are enslaved? ...Explain
3. Read **Romans 6:22-23** and **John 8:34&36**, then describe whether you are bound by Christianity, or set free from it (Christianity meaning "following Jesus").

**In Conclusion / How will You Respond?...**

So let's start with Paul's first question... Are we to continue to sin that grace may abound? ...Why Not? Read **Romans 13:11-14** together... Talk about how you will respond to what we learned from Romans 6.

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

**READING PLAN**

Wednesday: Romans 1  
Thursday: Romans 2  
Friday: Romans 3

Saturday: Romans 4  
Sunday: Romans 5  
Monday: Romans 6

**MEMORY VERSE**

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How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)