

The Fruit of Grace

A Study of the Book of Romans

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Key Truth: By the grace of God, slaves of sin are set free to obey God's righteous standard which leads to sanctification and in the end, the gift of eternal life.

What kind of fruit are you bearing? Are you bearing good fruit or bad fruit? Where and how we spend eternity is going to be based on the kind of fruit we bear in our life. Jesus taught that there are two kinds of fruit (Matthew 7:17-20): either the good fruit of truth or the bad fruit of falsehood. In these verses Paul makes a similar distinction in the kind of fruit we produce through our obedience. He strikes a contrast based on what (or whom) we obey. If we obey sin, we eventually reap death. If we obey righteousness, however, we eventually produce the fruit of eternal life, not based on our obedience, but on God's free grace.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 6:15-23** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled "The Fruit of Grace."

DIG IN

We have victory over sin because of...

1. You become like what you Obey... (Romans 6:15-16a)

What are some specific ways people obey sin today? Why is that so detrimental, especially to the Christian life?

Read Psalm 115:4-8: In what ways do we become like what we worship?

2. Either Righteousness OR Sin...

(Romans 6:16b-18)

How does serving righteousness demonstrate that we are free from sin?

How is it possible to be free in regard to righteousness (v. 20) and serve sin?

3. Leading to Sanctification OR more Lawlessness... (Rom. 6:19-22a)

Describe the kind of lawlessness that Paul mentions in verse 19. Why would this tend to produce more lawlessness?

Why does the fruit of sanctification difficult to obtain (see Hebrews 12:11)?

4. And in eternity, Life OR Death.

(Romans 6:22b-23)

Why is death deserved (wages) but life is free (gift)?

Why must God's grace be under the obedience that leads to eternal life?

If we sin, does that mean we are no longer under God's grace (v. 14)? Why or why not?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?