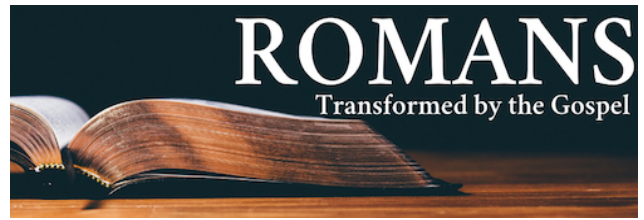


Active Grace!

June 28th, 2020 – Romans 6:1-14
Pastor Jon Pickens



The Objection Answered

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

-Romans 6:1

1. The Objection: If salvation is an entire act of God's grace and sin highlights God's grace, then doesn't that **incentivize** humans to sin?

2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

-Romans 6:2

2. The Answer: No! Grace is actively at work to **sanctify** us.
 - a. Grace fundamentally changes our **identity** as a follower of Christ.
 - b. Grace sets us free from the **reign** of sin in our lives.
 - c. Grace is not merely a passive gesture by God to forgive sin, it actively **leads** the believer to live a **righteous** life before God.

Discussions Questions

1. In what ways do we let sin reign in our lives?
2. How have you noticed God's grace at work in your own growth in Christ?
3. At the end of the message, Pastor Jon listed several ways that sin leverages its power over you to enslave you. Which one of those resonated with you?
4. Paul tells us to consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God. What are some ways or rhythms in your life that you can practice to continually remind you of your identity in Christ?

Next Steps: June Reading Plan (Week 5)

Day One: Heb. 9
Day Two: Heb. 10
Day Three: Heb. 11
Day Four: Heb. 12
Day Five: Heb. 13

Journaling Tip:

As you think about a particular truth throughout that day from your reading, often an application or an implication of the truth will surface. Capture it in your journal at night to help solidify it in your mind and heart.

Next Week's Sermon: Romans 6:15-23

June Scripture Memory:

43 "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, **44** for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. **45** The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:43-45 (ESV)