

## Amazing Grace

### Week 5: Liberating Grace

July 25, 2010

*Talk about a specific way you have experienced freedom in your life because of God's grace.*



#### **TYPES OF SLAVERY**

##### **1. Sin**

*John 8:34 – Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.”*

##### **2. Despair**

*Sin and despair like the sea waves could threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross.*

##### **3. Blindness**

*1 Cor. 2:12-13, 16 – We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. But we have the mind of Christ.*

##### **4. Self-Righteousness**

*Gal. 5:4 – You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.*

#### **WHAT ROBS US OF FREEDOM**

##### **1. Receiving God's Grace In Vain**

*2 Cor. 5:17-21; 6:1-2 – If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation... Be reconciled to God... in him we might become the righteousness of God... we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. “In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.”*

- 1- holding on to our old way of life
- 2- not pursuing our relationship with God
- 3- not allowing Christ to make us the righteousness of God
- 4- not allowing God to help us in the ways He desires to

##### **2. Living By Our Sinful Nature**

*Rom. 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

*Eph. 4:22-24 – You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

##### **3. Believing False Teachings**

*Colossians 2:8 – See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.*

##### **4. Refusing Or Neglecting To Serve**

*1 Peter 2:16 – Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.*

#### **HOW GOD'S GRACE SETS US FREE**

*John 8:36 – Jesus said, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

##### **1. It Removes The Veil Of Sin**

*2 Cor. 3:13-18 – Their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read... only in Christ is it taken away... whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom... we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory...*

## **2. It Calls Us To God Through The Gospel**

*Gal. 1:6-7 – I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— which is really no gospel at all.*

## **3. It Justifies Us Before God**

*Rom. 3:24 – All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

## **4. It Gives Us New Life In Place Of Death**

*Rom. 8:1-2 – There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.*

## **5. It Removes Sin As Our Master**

*Rom. 6:11-14, 17-18, 22 – Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus... do not let sin reign in your mortal body... For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace... though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted... now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.*

## **6. It Opens The Door To Every Blessing In Christ**

*Eph. 1:3-8 – God has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ... he chose us in him... he predestined us to be adopted as his sons... to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us... in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us...*

## **WHAT GOD CALLS US TO**

### **1. Stand Firm In Our Freedom**

*Gal. 5:1 – It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

### **2. Continue To Live In Grace**

*Col. 2:6-7 – So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

*Gal. 5:16 – Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.*

### **3. Be Servants Of God**

*1 Peter 2:16 – Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.*

### **4. Proclaim God's Grace**

*Luke 4:18-19 – The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.*