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Grace abounds for the Christian who truly believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. There are many today who just think of the grace of the Lord without realizing the justice of the Lord. There are Christian organizations who offer services that are more entertainment than substance. There are some denominations who preach that there is no sin for the Christian. There are even some who believe that abortion, homosexuality, fornication, adultery and every other sin mentioned in the Bible is now acceptable.

The Apostle Paul covered this very attitude in Romans.

Romans 6:1-23

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.
8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have

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yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

There are many who want to read Romans 1:17 without reading the 18th verse along with the rest of Romans. These are the ones who have endorsed homosexuality from the pulpit. These are the ones who have convinced many that the Christian can divorce and remarry because they were not "married in the Lord." These are the ones who can explain away sin and wickedness for we are now saved by grace.

Romans 6 concludes with the statement, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." There are many who are being deceived with lies and deceit by preachers who have told their congregations about grace with the fact that a born-again Christian is also a changed person who shuns the old ways of sin and has chosen to live his or her life for the Lord. The Grace of our Lord has given us the ability to reject the old man of sin and live a new life. A life that is free from sin. A life that is filled with joy. A life that is filled with the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Jesus has given us a new life and freed us from the enslaving shackles of sin. He has

freed us from Satan's chains and in the process has made us a new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Jesus gave us a new life, giving us the strength to be free from sin. Those who have been taught the lie and deception that you were born as a fornicator, homosexual, or whatever are really deceived. This is the same type of deception that Satan used in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:1-7

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they

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sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

The Lord gave Adam and Eve the option to either serve him or the devil. When Adam chose to eat of the tree we know that he was not deceived like his wife. We know that Adam chose to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Many are still today choosing to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For look at all of the wickedness that is going on in the world. Look at the arrogance of man saying that he is going to rebuild a more sinful city of New Orleans when God destroyed the old one.

The world has chosen to totally reject God and serve the flesh. Look at the world's leaders who endorse everything that is wicked and evil while telling us that the Christian is a right-wing fanatic. This Christian believes that Jesus came to save and convert sinners from the paths of sin and despair and place them on a new road of righteousness. He did it for me and he will do the same for you.

The world has rejected the message of righteousness and has embraced the deceptions of Satan. The world will tell you that there is no sin. The world will tell you that the thief cannot help himself and must not be punished. A judge this past month in New Hampshire sentenced a man who rapped a young child for 4 years to just 60 days in jail. This is not judgment! This is wickedness! When a denomination says that God made the homosexual a homosexual, and that homosexuality is not sin, this is wickedness and deception.

As we are approaching the day of the Lord, wickedness is increasing astronomically. The wicked are held in high esteem while the born-again Christian is looked upon as a right wing fanatic.

The kings of the East are getting ready for Armageddon where the president of Iran is calling for the utter destruction of Israel. The day of the Lord is approaching upon us rapidly. If the Lord calls his church home tonight, will you be able to hear his trumpet call? Are you prepared to meet the Lord today? There is no promise of tomorrow! The Lord has told us that when you see the signs of the times, it is time to look up. Are there areas in your life that need repair? Call upon Jesus who will fix your life if you ask him.

We are living in a age where sin abounds and it seems that grace is disappearing. Elijah also was distressed about the situation in his day when the Lord showed him 7,000 who were still true to the Lord.

1 Kings 19:1-17

1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in

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the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the

LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest

thou here, Elijah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

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