

The Result of Abundant Grace

Romans 6:1-11

Slavery

● **Two types of slaves in US history:**

1. bought slaves

- **brought across the Atlantic from Africa in the “Middle Passage”**

2. born slaves

- **child of a slave mother**

A Typical “Born-Again Believer’s” Story

1. Slave to sin

2. Turning point:

- “Membership” in a legalistic church
- Emotional experience of “salvation”

3. Your current state:

- II Peter 2:19 – still a slave to sin!

Counterfeit Grace Bills

- **Counterfeit grace:**
You still think: “What is the maximum that I can get out of God for myself, while having to spend the least of myself.”
- **Grace is the highest denomination in God’s currency**

The Danger of a Counterfeit



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The Test of Grace

- **You know a counterfeit Grace check by the fact that it “bounces” in your moment of temptation**

- **You know a true Abundant-Grace-of-God check by the fact that you’ve become a son who is free!**

The Slave's Hope of Freedom

- **Death!**

- **... and in Christ, re-birth as sons!**

- **Romans 6:1-11**

- **Baptism is the death certificate to show your old slave master**

Still a Slave?

If sin is still your master:

- **either you never really died**
 - **you must die and be born again!**
- **or, having died and being born in God's house, you still allow your old master to control you**
 - **you will not remain in God's house forever**

The Good News

- **The hard part is done: “It is finished”**
- **Ephesians 1:4b-8a**
- **When we choose to die to our old life of slavery, our Father raises us back up as sons and daughters in His house, and lavishes His abundant grace on us**

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