

## **Romans 6:1-7:13 Study Guide**

From *A Graceful Uprising* Study Guide

### **Key Concepts**

- Grace does not make you work less; it makes you work harder and from a better motivation.
- When you are saved by grace, you no longer serve out of cold obligation but from warm appreciation and gratitude.
- Beyond sinful behavior, the deeper problem of the human heart is a spiritual disease that hungers for the forbidden.
- Grace not only has the power to forgive us, it also has the power to transform our hearts' desires.

### **Explore the Text**

1. Paul anticipates the objection that if we fully embrace grace it will lead to a life of sin (6:1). What reservations do you have about going too far with grace?
2. Fully surrendering to grace means your old self has died and you have been raised to a new life (6:5-14). When you really understand the meaning of grace, what does it require of you?
3. Christ has made it possible for us to be released from the burden of law so that we might freely live for him in grace (7:1-3). In what sense do we need law in order to have grace?
4. Sin often uses the laws of God to actually stir a hunger for the forbidden within us (7:11). What motivates you to want to do the right thing rather than to simply avoid the wrong thing?

### **Transform Your Life**

1. Think of a relationship in your life where you would do anything for that person. What is the source of your motivation for that person?
2. In practical terms, what is the difference in being motivated by duty and being motivated by love?
3. What might be the difference in your behavior if you are under grace rather than under law?
4. What was the cost of grace? What does grace cost you?