

# GRACE ALONE: WEEK 6- The Gift of Easter

## ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been given a surprise gift? What was it? Did you like it?
2. Do you have a favourite hymn or worship song? What is meaningful to you about it?

## WORD

### *Romans 6:15-23 (NIV)*

*15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

*19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

This Easter sermon is anchored in Paul's words about the wages of sin and helps us understand how Christ's life, death, and resurrection have provided the incomprehensible gift that he purchased and prepared for us.

The life of Apostle Paul is not only that the gospel had changed his life but he had lived the gospel totally. Not only that God changed him, God used him to advance His kingdom by spreading His words, His love to His people, and to His children.

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood. Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sin. Hebrews 9:22. Jesus did not donate His blood, He shed His blood so that our sins will be forgiven.

If we are slave to sin, whatever direction we go it leads to sin. Paul is using an example from everyday life because of our limitations of understanding, in verse 19 he uses practical life experience that if we offer ourselves as slaves to impurity also called sin which only produces increasingly wickedness, when testing comes it only result in sin. If we are slave to sin, if we submit our life to impurity, righteousness has control over us but sin.

## DISCUSSION

What does a life of consistent freedom and victory over sin look like?  
Describe it?

## WORD

Sin only produces death, eternal death but the gift of God is eternal life. So salvation that comes from the finished work of Christ on the cross is passing from eternal death to eternal life. Salvation is passing from eternal death to eternal life.

**What is the Gift of Easter? What happened at the cross? At the cross the price of three things was paid in full**

### **\*Salvation**

*John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

### **\*Healing**

*I Peter 2:24 24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”*

### **\*Deliverance**

*Galatians 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.*

## DISCUSSION

How do these three things move you or encourage you? Do you have any surprising insights about it?

## LIFE APPLICATION

*John 19:30 (NIV) When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

The Greek word Tetelestai means it is finished. The sentence was served. The price was paid. The battle has won. Therefore, let us live freely and victoriously knowing Christ has completed it.

## DISCUSSION

If Jesus completed it for us, what is the biggest hindrance in seeking to be fully committed to Jesus Christ?

## VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

*Romans 6:18 NIV*

*18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

## PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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