

**MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
*The Lord's Day*  
**February 13, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**

**Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber**

**Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-3**

**The Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Praise 457**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

**The Confession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism, 1 & 2**

**Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?**

**People:** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Pastor:** What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**People:** Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

**\*Song of Praise 500**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

**The Lord's Prayer / Pastoral Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever. Amen.

**Offertory: Chancel Choir**

***Grace***

*Arranged by Mark Hayes*

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Sermon Series: Romans: Gospel Partnership***

***Sermon Text: Romans 6:1-5 (ESV)***

***Sermon Title: New Life***

*6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

*<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

What happens when we become a Christian? Do we somehow feel different? Maybe, but maybe not. Do we even remember the exact date and time in which we became a follower of Christ? Again, maybe or maybe not. But something definitely happens when we become a follower of Jesus and part of God's family.

Last week, we saw at the end of Romans how, through the work of Jesus Christ, we receive a new status. And that status changed everything. No longer were we under judgment and condemnation. Now, our status is that of forgiven and righteous. Paul puts it, "where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more."

Which leads to a logical question. If where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more, why don't I go out and sin all the more so grace can abound? And it is that issue that Paul is beginning to address here at the beginning of chapter 6. And what is Paul's basic answer? The reign of grace not only brings a new status, but it also brings a new life. So, Paul is here beginning to teach on the nature of that new life. Grace actually changes us.

In the first five verses of chapter six Paul will teach us about the nature of that new life in three ways:

- I. What Occurs
- II. How It Occurs

### III. Why It Occurs

#### **Reflection**

*“The Kingdom belongs to people who aren’t trying to look good, or impress anybody, even themselves. They are not plotting how they can call attention to themselves, worrying about how their actions will be interpreted or wondering if they will get gold stars for their behavior.”*  
(Brennan Manning)

#### **The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

##### **\*Hymn 254**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*  
Alas! and did my Savior bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree!  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut his glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died  
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While his dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'Tis all that I can do.

##### **\*The Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

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