"The Grace Pursuit (5): Transformed by Grace – Does Grace Permit One to Live a Life of Sin?" (Galatians 1:6-7; 3:1-3, 6; 5:1, 13-26)

Grace Teaching: "Wouldn't it give Christians Free Tickets to do anything they want?"
Today: What does the Scripture have to Say?

I. <u>What Does Grace Teach</u>?

    A. Eternal Life is a Gift of Grace through Faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)

    B. Salvation is Secure (John 10:28-30)

"The Outrageous Grace": Is it "Too Good to Be True"?

    C. 2 Extreme Positions Opposing Grace Teaching

        1. Legalism: Salvation Depends on One's Performance

        2. Antinomianism or Licentiousness: Live any Lifestyle without Consequences

II. <u>Lifestyle: Legalism or Licentiousness</u>?

Grace *Supersedes* the Plane of Legalism and Licentiousness

    A. The Error of Legalism (Galatians 1:6-7; 3:1-3)

        1. Human Performance based on Legalistic Rules Plays No Role in one's Salvation, nor in one's Consecration (Galatians 3:6)

        2. To Follow Legalistic Rules is to Return to Slavery (Galatians 5:1)

    B. The Error of Licentious Living (Galatians 5:13-14; cf. Titus 2:11-13)

III. <u>Lifestyle Characterized by Grace</u>

    A. The Fact of the New Birth: Spiritual DNA and "New Nature"

2 Natures in the Believer: The Sin Nature and the New Nature

    B. The Holy Spirit and a Grace-based Lifestyle (Galatians 5:16-17): Believers are to "Live by the Spirit" (cf. 2 Peter 3:18)

        1. Grow in *Knowledge* of the Lord Jesus: Crave for the Word of God

The Holy Spirit will help the Believer Develop a Biblical Worldview to Replace the Secular Worldview

        2. Grow in the *Grace* of the Lord Jesus: Deepen Relationship by Pursuing Grace/Christ

Grace-based Principles will Lead to the <u>Transformation</u> of Life and Lifestyle, and a <u>Transformed Life</u> will Produce a Christ-like Character (Galatians 5:22-24)

Reflection: Do you Desire to Live a Graced-based Lifestyle?
Let God be Glorified through the Fruit in Your Lives and Mine!

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