



Freedom From Enslaving Sins

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“I hate myself!” These were the first words Jim spoke after our initial introduction to each other. He had scheduled an appointment with me to discuss “a personal problem.” “Why do you hate yourself?” I asked him. As Jim began to explain his problem to me, I learned that he was addicted to pornography. “I can’t help myself,” he said. “I have come to love pornographic movies. I tell myself that I won’t watch them anymore, but like clockwork, I find myself at the video store renting the under-the-counter videos that are available.” Jim was a

victim of the same lie that keeps many Christians in bondage to sin. He confessed that he hated himself and loved the sin. In reality, Jim didn’t even know himself. And he certainly didn’t love the sin that had brought him to see me after coming to the place of absolute desperation. In the weeks ahead, I was able to share some truths with Jim that helped to set him free.

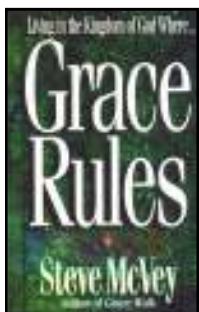
Sin Is Repulsive To The Christian

Jim made the mistake of thinking that he loved his sin just because he kept indulging in it. If he had

genuinely loved the sin, he never would have come to my office seeking help. The fact that a Christian may temporarily enjoy sin says nothing about him, but speaks about the nature of sin itself. The Bible teaches that sin brings pleasure for a while, but eventually turns sour in the life of a believer. Don’t be deceived into thinking that you enjoy sin just because it brings temporary pleasure. The fact that you are unhappy about your sins prove that you don’t love it, but rather hate it. Read Paul’s

To learn more...

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Are you “living by the rules” or are you letting God’s grace rule you? There’s a big difference between the two. If you’re living FOR God—living by the rules—you’ll always be exhausted. You’ll feel as if you’re not doing enough for God and that if you don’t “measure up,” He will be displeased with you.

But God never meant for the Christian life to be that way! His love for us isn’t based on how we perform for Him. He sent Christ to set us free from rules. He didn’t call us to serve Him in our own feeble power, but to let His power flow

through us—a power that is without limit! What’s more, this power is already available to us right now. He has provided everything we need for a truly meaningful, joy-filled life here on earth....all because of His marvelous grace.

Some of the topics include:

- ◆ **The Liability of Ability**
- ◆ **Sin’s Secret Weapon**
- ◆ **Knowing God’s Will**
- ◆ **Overcoming Our Sins**
- ◆ **The Nectar of Heaven**



description of his own encounter with sin in Romans 7:15-25 to learn more about the Christian's attitude toward sin. We hate it.

Sin Is Overcome By A Person, Not A Plan

Paul asks in Romans 7:24, "Who will set me free . . .?" Many Christians ask, "What can I do to be freed from my sin?" But freedom comes in the Person of Jesus Christ, not by our own self efforts. Run to Christ with your sins and lay them in His lap! He alone can deliver you from them, and He will. Freedom over sins comes from trusting Him, not from trying harder to say no to temptation. The answer to sin is a *Who*, not a what or a how.

The Indwelling Life Of Christ Is The Key

Romans 8:2 says, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death." It is Christ's life within us that has already given us the power to resist sin. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus gives us victory over the law of sin and death in the same way that the law of aerodynamics gives an airplane victory over the law of gravity. The former law is stronger than the latter!

Jesus Christ is our only hope for overcoming enslaving sins. His life is sufficient to enable us to walk in freedom as we trust Him moment by moment.

Hi, I'm Steve McVey, President of Grace Walk Ministries, and we are thrilled that you have let us send you these proven, biblical principles that will help you understand God's will for your life.

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