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THOUGHTS FROM MAJOR LORI MITCHELL

Romans 6:14 (NIV)

For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

This beautiful song (S.A.S.B. 474) tells the amazing story of someone who discovers the truth of God's Word and His plan of salvation. The writer comes before God and pours out their confession, asking God to receive them as His child. We are met with the familiar chorus that says, "Grace there is my every debt to pay."

Grace. Undeserved favour. This is a concept that can be difficult for us to accept in a world that has strings attached to everything. The idea that God could love us so much that He gave His Son to die for us with no strings attached doesn't make sense. For many of us, we never truly get to the point where we accept that forgiveness totally. We still listen to the words of Satan that remind us constantly of our sin and failings, telling ourselves that we can't possibly be good enough for God to truly love us. Rather than bask in the sunshine of God's unconditional love, we dwell in the shadows of uncertainty.

In Romans 6, Paul reminds the church in Rome that because Jesus died and rose again, people are not still bound by the rules and regulations of Levitical law, but free from sin and shame simply because of God's grace and love towards us. We need to be reminded constantly that our relationship with God isn't about the "thou shalt and thou shalt not," but is rather about the fact that God loves us more than we can imagine. Jesus made a way for us to be reconciled to God and to be His child once more through His death and resurrection.

The last verse of Romans 6 reminds us of the promise of God. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." The gift of God – a gift that is given with no strings attached. It is given to us out of love, with no expectation of repayment. Will you claim that gift today? If you have claimed it in the past, do you truly recognize what this means? It means that you don't have to listen to the lies of Satan anymore.

*Grace there is my ev'ry debt to pay,
Blood to wash my ev'ry sin away,
Pow'r to keep me spotless day by day,
For me, for me!*

The grace of God,
The blood of Jesus Christ,
The power of the Holy Spirit,
God's gift for you, for you!