Freedom from Sin Bible Background: Romans 6:1-14

Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Aim for Change (Page 395):

- 1. EXPLORE what it means to live by grace rather than living under the law
- 2. **DISCERN** how following Jesus can impact the way they handle these temptations and sins
- 3. *CHOOSE* to live in the power of Jesus' life and resurrection

Intro:

■ How can we overcome temptations? (*Matthew 6:6-13*; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13)

In Focus (Page 395):

1. What has God delivered you from? When you are tempted to turn back to your old ways, how do you fight against it? (*Psalm 32:6-8*; *Matthew 4:1-11*)

The People, Places, and Times (Page 398):

- 1. What is the difference between God's grace and God's law? (*John 1:17*; Romans 3:24; 11:6; *Ephesians 2:8-10*)
 - a. Law reveals sin; Grace forgives sin
 - b. Law indicates man's problem; Grace is His remedy
 - c. Law wants performance; Grace offers provision
 - d. Law is the standard; Grace is the means
 - e. Law is the measuring rod that evaluates; Grace is the nurturing resource that produces spirituality
 - f. Law tells of God's character; Grace reproduces that character in us

Background (Pages 398):

1. Is God's grace a license to sin more? (*Romans 3:5-8*; 6:1, 14; *8:13-14*)

In Depth (Pages 398-399)

- 1. Baptized with Christ (*Romans 6:1-4*)
 - a. How does Paul say baptism is like a burial? (Galatians 3:27-29; *Ephesians 4:22-24*; *Colossians 2:12-14*)
 - b. How could Christians who are dead to sin keep on living in sin? (Romans 8:23; *Colossians 2:20-3:4*)
- 2. Crucified with Christ (*Romans 6:5-11*)
 - a. In what ways is our freedom from sin a once-and-for-all gift, and in what ways is it a daily choice? (*Luke 9:22-24*; Romans 3:21-24; *1 Corinthians 15:31*)
 - b. Why is it important to gather together with one another? (*Matthew 18:19-20*; Luke 8:4; *2 Thessalonians 2:1-3*)
- 3. New Life with Christ (*Romans 6:12-14*)
 - a. How do you demonstrate you're a new creation in Christ? (2 Corinthians 5:16-18; Colossians 1:9-17)

Search the Scriptures (Page 399):

- 1. What does the scripture say about our sinful self (*Romans 6:6*)?
- 2. When we died with Christ what were we set free from (*Romans 6:7*)?
- 3. Since we no longer live under the law, what do we live under now (*Romans 6:14*)?

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^{**}Note - **Bold/Italicized** scriptures are to be read during class if time permits**