Riverbluff Church June 11, 2023



FROM DARKNESS to LIGHT 1 Peter 2:9-10 & John 8:1-12

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NLT2)

"For you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light. Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people."

TODAY'S BIG QUESTION

Have I fo	rgotten how	was
	and have I come to believe that my darkne	ess
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John 8:1-12 (ESV)

² Early in the morning He came again to the temple. All the people came to Him, and He sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do You say?" 6 This they said to test Him, that they might have some charge to bring against Him. Jesus bent down and wrote with His finger on the ground. ⁷ And as they continued to ask Him, He stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ And once more He bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before Him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one Condemned vou?" 11 She said. "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more. 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

We must live in the tension of Grace and Truth, that tension is ____! {1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Romans 5:8} We must become better known for than for We must gain greater clarity on the difference between {Revelation 2:5} The is almost never "the issue", the real issue is always {Colossians 1:16-17, 1 Peter 2:9-10}

Romans 5:20 (ESV) "Where sin increased, Grace abounded all the more..."

Romans 5:20-21 (MSG)

But sin didn't, and doesn't, have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call Grace. When it's sin versus Grace, Grace wins hands down. All sin can do is threaten us with death, and that's the end of it. Grace, because God is putting everything together again through the Messiah, invites us into life—a life that goes on and on and on, world without end.

