



KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

Portion:

SCRIPTURES

- Romans 6:1-14
- I John 3:4-9
- Romans 6-8

Title:

A WHITE CANVAS

- Sin Potentiates Grace²
- Passover Reimagined
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SEED:

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FRUIT:

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INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:

If we zoom in it all begins to come into focus. Sure there is value in viewing this from forty-five thousand feet, and that perspective is necessary to define the outer edges of our canvas. However, the time comes when standing at a distance cannot provide the necessary, but subtle details, if we wish to appraise how the Master dissolves the intricate brushstrokes.

The title of the painting is "Sin." That should immediately cause you to appreciate the vast size of the canvas and the infinite array of colors on the palette. But now, lean in; get your nose right up to the artwork. Your concern is no longer the immeasurable size of the tapestry, nor the limitless hues of color. Right now we are interested in the bleach that will remove every last remnant of even the remotest stain—restoring our

canvas to pure white. You need to get up really close to evaluate if there is even a single pixel of color remaining.

White reflects all color, and might we say deflects or rejects all color. Yet, this one question remains. What type of artist will you be? It's counter-intuitive, but the artist God is looking for is completely satisfied with a canvas that remains pure white. I know it is tempting to splash paint all over it again; even that you've been programed to believe you are destined to do so, as a helpless victim. But God says something different. God says you are no longer an artist slave; you are free to keep your canvas clean and bright. Oh, and if you choose not to, at least recognize that it was your choice to make.

SIN POTENTIATES GRACE²

1. Sin and Grace

A. Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

(1) A Running Start!

(a) The Exponential Effect of Sin on Grace

1. "Moreover **the law entered that the offense might abound**. But **where sin abounded, grace abounded much more**, so that as **sin reigned in death**, even so **grace might reign through righteousness** to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:20-21 NKJV

(2) The Transition!

(a) How can you possibly believe any sin is acceptable?

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PASSOVER REIMAGINED

2. A Torah-Centric Model (Chapters 6-8)

A. The Blueprint of the Spring Feasts

(1) Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits

(a) Death, Burial, and Resurrection

1. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into **His death**? Therefore we were **buried with Him** through baptism into death, that just as Christ was **raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**." Romans 6:3-4 NKJV
2. "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city **at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law**, and was zealous toward God as you all are today." Acts 22:3 NKJV

3. "But **when it pleased God**, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, **to reveal His Son in me**, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. **Then after three years** I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days." Galatians 1:15-18 NKJV
 4. "**Then after fourteen years** I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me." Galatians 2:1 NKJV
 5. (Ephesians 2:8) By **grace** you have been saved **through faith**... (Romans 5:2) Through whom also we have **access by faith into this grace**... "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, **we establish the law**." Romans 3:31 NKJV
- (b) A High Concept
1. **Released from captivity**: "For he who has died has been **freed from sin**." Romans 6:7 NKJV
 2. **Journey in the wilderness**: "For the good that **I will to do, I do not do**; but the evil **I will not to do, that I practice**. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, **but sin that dwells in me**." Romans 7:19-20 NKJV
 3. **Arrival in the promised land**: "because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God**." Romans 8:21 NKJV
- (c) The Hight Concept can be elaborated with more detail as such:
1. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death**? {5} For if we have been **united together in the likeness of His death**, certainly we also shall be in **the likeness of His resurrection**," Romans 6:3, 5 NKJV
 2. "Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man **as long as he lives**? For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband **as long as he lives. But if the husband dies**, she is **released from the law of her husband**." Romans 7:1-2 NKJV
 3. "Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, "**Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt**, when we sat by the **pots of meat** and when we ate **bread to the full**! For you have brought us out **into this wilderness** to kill this whole assembly with hunger."" Exodus 16:2-3 NKJV
 4. "We **remember the fish** which we ate freely in Egypt, **the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic**;" Numbers 11:5 NKJV

5. "Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? **Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?**" So they said to one another, "**Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.**" Numbers 14:3-4 NKJV
 6. "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves also with the same mind**, for he who has suffered in the flesh **has ceased from sin**, that he **no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men**, but for the will of God. For **we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.**" I Peter 4:1-3 NKJV
 7. "For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, **that I do not practice**; but what I hate, that I do." Romans 7:15 NKJV
 8. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **these are sons of God.**" Romans 8:14 NKJV
 9. "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of God.**" Romans 8:19 NKJV
 10. "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" Romans 8:38-39 NKJV
- (d) The transaction, dilemma, and solution
1. "But God be thanked that though **you were slaves of sin**, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered." Romans 6:17 NKJV
 2. "And **having been set free from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness." Romans 6:18 NKJV
 3. "...**Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?**" So they said to one another, "**Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.**" Numbers 14:3-4 NKJV
 4. **You must make the choice!** "And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep His commandments or not." Deuteronomy 8:2 NKJV
 5. "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, **you are that one's slaves whom you obey**, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" Romans 6:16 NKJV
 6. "For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, **that I do not practice**; but what I hate, that I do." Romans 7:15 NKJV

7. "But now **having been set free from sin**, and having **become slaves of God**, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life." Romans 6:22 NKJV
 8. "because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**" Romans 8:21 NKJV
- (e) The Feasts of the Lord
1. "'These are the feasts of the Lord, holy convocations **which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.** On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's **Passover.**" Leviticus 23:4-5 NKJV
 2. "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,**" I Corinthians 15:3 NKJV
 3. "and that **He was buried**, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures," I Corinthians 15:4 NKJV
 4. "For as Jonah was **three days and three nights** in the belly of the great fish, so will **the Son of Man be three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:40 NKJV
 5. "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and **has become the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep." I Corinthians 15:20 NKJV

FREED FROM SIN²

3. His Death and Resurrection: The Effect on Sin and Death!

A. Unified with Christ

(1) The Devastating Effect on Sin

- (a) You are no longer a slaves to sin!
 1. "For if we have been united together in **the likeness of His death**, certainly we also shall be in **the likeness of His resurrection**, knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with Him**, that the **body of sin might be done away with**, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin.** For he who has died has been **freed from sin.**" Romans 6:5-7 NKJV
 2. "Therefore **put to death** your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Colossians 3:5 NKJV
 3. "I have been **crucified with Christ**; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life **which I now live** in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 NKJV
 4. "Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new.**" II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV
- (b) "you are no longer a slave of sin. For you have been freed from sin." (Romans 6:6-7)
 1. "Your collection of sins is done away with." (Romans 6:6)

2. "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness**. And you know that **He was manifested to take away our sins**, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever **abides** in Him **does not sin**. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. **He who sins is of the devil**, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose** the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil**. Whoever has been born of God **does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and he **cannot sin**, because he has been born of God." I John 3:4-9 NKJV
3. "for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23 NKJV
4. "**The heart is deceitful** above all things, And **desperately wicked**; Who can know it? I, the Lord, **search the heart, I test the mind**, Even to **give every man according to his ways**, According to **the fruit of his doings**." Jeremiah 17:9-10 NKJV
5. "I will give you **a new heart** and put **a new spirit** within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and **give you a heart of flesh**." Ezekiel 36:26 NKJV
6. "For what man knows the things of a man except **the spirit of the man** which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except **the Spirit of God**. Now **we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God**, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." I Corinthians 2:11-12 NKJV
7. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit**." Romans 8:1 NKJV

B. Oh death where is your sting?

(1) Death no longer has dominion...

(a) Resurrection defeats death permanently!

1. "Now if we **died with Christ**, we believe that **we shall also live with Him**, knowing that Christ, **having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him**." Romans 6:8-9 NKJV
2. "When Jesus heard that, He said, "**This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God**, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."" John 11:4 NKJV
3. "These things He said, and after that He said to them, "**Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up**."" John 11:11 NKJV
4. "Jesus said to her, "**Your brother will rise again**."" John 11:23 NKJV
5. "Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life**. He who believes in Me, **though he may die, he shall live**. And whoever lives and believes in Me **shall never die**. Do you believe this?"" John 11:25-26 NKJV
6. "Jesus said to her, "**Did I not say** to you that if you would believe you **would see the glory of God**?"" John 11:40 NKJV

7. *"Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, **"Lazarus, come forth!"**"* John 11:43 NKJV
8. *"So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: **"Death is swallowed up in victory."**"* *"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"* I Corinthians 15:54-55 NKJV

C. Our release from sin and satan according to law...

(1) Reckon yourselves dead to sin!

(a) It might be hard to wrap your mind around, but Christianity is more than about eternal life.

1. *"For **the death that He died, He died to sin once for all**; but **the life that He lives**, He lives to God. **Likewise** you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin**, but **alive to God** in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 6:10-11 NKJV
2. *"Then Jesus answered and said to them, **"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself**, but what He sees the Father do; for **whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.**"* John 5:19 NKJV
3. ***"I can of Myself do nothing.** As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because **I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.**"* John 5:30 NKJV
4. *"Jesus answered them and said, **"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.**"* John 7:16 NKJV
5. *"I have been **crucified with Christ**; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life **which I now live** in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* Galatians 2:20 NKJV
6. *"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own? For you were bought at a price**; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."* I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV

(2) Presenting the Bride

(a) Alive from the dead...

1. *"Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts. And **do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness** to sin, but **present yourselves** to God as being **alive from the dead**, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."* Romans 6:12-13 NKJV
2. *"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**"* I Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV

3. "For this **corruptible must put on incorruption**, and this **mortal must put on immortality**." I Corinthians 15:53 NKJV
4. "Do you not know that **you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?** If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. **For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.**" I Corinthians 3:16-17 NKJV
5. "This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk**, in the **futility of their mind**, having their **understanding darkened**, being **alienated from the life of God**, because of the **ignorance that is in them**, because of the **blindness of their heart**; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to **lewdness**, to work all **uncleanness** with **greediness**. But **you have not so learned Christ**, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you **put off**, concerning your **former conduct**, the **old man** which grows **corrupt** according to the **deceitful lusts**, and **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**, and that you **put on the new man** which was **created according to God**, in true **righteousness and holiness**." Ephesians 4:17-24 NKJV
6. "**Do not love the world or the things in the world**. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life**—is not of the Father but is of the world." I John 2:15-16 NKJV
7. "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For **what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?** And **what communion has light with darkness?** And **what accord has Christ with Belial?** Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And **what agreement has the temple of God with idols?** For **you are the temple of the living God**. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "**Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean**, And I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty." II Corinthians 6:14-18 NKJV
8. "Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, **for the place where you stand is holy ground.**" Exodus 3:5 NKJV
9. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us **the ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, **we are**

ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." II Corinthians 5:17-20 NKJV

(3) And this is not something on which we will elaborate now, but it is fitting to set the stage.

(a) There must be a death that ends our marriage to sin and Satans, to make it legal for us to remarry—to permit us to be the bride of Christ.

1. "Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that **the law [specifically the law governing marriage] has dominion over a man as long as he lives?** For the woman who has a husband is **bound by the law [specifically the law governing marriage] to her husband as long as he lives.** But **if the husband dies [this is what Ch. 6 is a about], she is released from the law of her husband.** So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; **but if her husband dies, she is free from that law [a death releases a spouse from the previous marriage],** so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, **you also have become dead to the law [specifically the law governing marriage] through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead [The death we see in Chapter 6 released you from your marriage to sin and Satan, and now you are free to be the bride of Christ],** that we should bear fruit to God. For **when we were in the flesh,** the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. But now we have been **delivered from the law [specifically the law governing marriage],** having **died to what we were held by [specifically the law governing marriage],** so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter." Romans 7:1-6 NKJV

a) More details will be forthcoming when we reach Romans 7.

D. And finally, how is this even possible?

(1) You are not under law but under grace!

(a) Paul then drops one of those truth bombs as he often does in his doctrinal Magnum Opus.

1. "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are **not under law but under grace.**

" Romans 6:14 NKJV

2. "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "**With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**" " Matthew 19:26 NKJV

3. "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have **access by faith into this grace in which we stand,** and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2 NKJV

4. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God,** which is your **reasonable service.**" Romans 12:1 NKJV

5. *"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil.** Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been **born of God.**"* I John 3:8-9 NKJV

(b) Under Law:

1. *"Sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are **not under law but under grace.**"*
Romans 6:14
2. *"What then? Shall we sin because we are not **under law** but under grace? Certainly not!"* Romans 6:15 NKJV
3. *"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness.**"* I John 3:4 NKJV
4. *"For **the wages of sin is death,** but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
Romans 6:23 NKJV
5. *"For by **grace you have been saved through faith,** and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV
6. *"My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. **And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And **He Himself is the propitiation for our sins,** and not for ours only but also for the whole world."* I John 2:1-2 NKJV
7. *"...for where there is **no law** there is **no transgression.**"* Romans 4:15 NKJV