

Love's Eternal Story Romans 6:1-14 (ERV)

Grace is God going way beyond what he ever had to do.

- It is receiving his love when I should have gotten his wrath

Love's eternal story didn't stop at the grave.

- By Jesus rising from the grave, his eternal love continues to this day

In this passage there are 4 vital points to the concept of "Love's eternal story."

Point #1 Sin versus Grace vvs. 1-4

What was behind the question in verse one?

- It was the answer or thought in response to Roms. 5:20 ERV
 - o It was a rhetorical question. Grace doesn't allow for a lifestyle of sin

When we realize what God has done for us through the cross:

- The death of our sins
- The death of sins grip on us for all of eternity

...how could we/why would we think that sin and grace could be partners in God's eternal love for us?

Note: vs. 2 Of course not! Are you crazy?

- Have you lost your spiritual mind? Your sinful life ended – it is dead!

Note: vs. 3 *Did you forget that all of us became part of Christ Jesus when we were baptized? In our baptism we shared in his death.*

- Col. 2:13-16 ERV
- The result of this was verse 4. We live a new life like Jesus
 - o He was made new
 - o He walked totally different

He lived again to bring glory to his Father. Our lives are to be lived to the glory of our heavenly Father.

- We only exist to bring him glory
- Our death in Christ brought us his life

Note: vss. 5-7 ERV Point #2 Freedom from sin

Slaves to sin

- It's eternal effect results in separation from God's grace

But Christ's death – our new life unites us.

- He rose, we rise
- He lives, we live
- He was set free from the grave, we are set free from the grave

Sin only allows for death.

- There is no grace in the word "sin"
- Sin has no letters in "grace"

But God's love and his grace overcame the power of sin.

- The resurrection broke the power of sin

- The resurrection took away the eternal grip of sin

The resurrection guaranteed that we could be a part of love's eternal story.

Note: vss. 8-10 ERV Point #3 His death did away with eternal death

- Eternal death now became eternal life

Note: vss. 11-14 ERV Point #4 Grace reigns!

You now have a choice.

- Whom will you serve?

Q. If sin is still your master, then something is wrong.

Grace doesn't allow for a lifestyle of sin.

Where are you in this eternal love story?

God's grace so loved you.

- God's grace calls us to follow him
- His grace doesn't allow for a lifestyle of sin

Grace affords to us the privilege of being united with the risen Savior.

That is love's eternal story.