A NEW KINGDOM: A Different Kind of Life
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[8] But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. [9] And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. [10] For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. [11] So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.
Romans 5:8-11 NLT

1. A Different Kind of Life Begins with Grace

[1] Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. [2] Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. [3] We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. [4] And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. [5] And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. [6] When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. [7] Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. [8] But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.
Romans 5:1-8 NLT

Because of Jesus – we've been set free.

2. A Different Kind of Life Has Different Priorities

[1] Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his
wonderful grace? [2] Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in
it? [3] Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined
him in his death? [4] For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.
[5] Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.
[6] We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power
in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. [7] For when we died with Christ we were set free
from the power of sin. [8] And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.
Romans 6:1-8 NLT

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is
gone; a new life has begun!
2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

Because we've been set free – we can live free.

3. A Different Kind of Life Points People to Jesus

[20] God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people
sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. [21] So just as sin ruled
over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving
us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 5:20-21 NLT

[18] And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. [19] For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. [20] So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" [21] For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 NLT

Because we live free – we can offer freedom to others.