God's Provision for Holiness – Part 4 Jerry Bridges

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 6:1-11.
- B. God has made it possible for us to pursue holiness and progress in it.

II. God has delivered us from the reigning power of sin and into the kingdom of God's Son.(Romans 5:21; Colossians 1:13; Acts 26:18)

A. The reality of freedom is not always experienced personally.

- B. Our old self refers to our old citizenship in sin.
- C. We must count on the fact of our freedom from sin's rule.

III. God gives Christians the resources of God to live like a child of the kingdom.

- A. The Christian has received a new resource in the Holy Spirit to live as a child of freedom.
- B. God opens our understanding to the truth. (Ephesians 4:18)
- C. God causes us to relish the truth. (Romans 7:22; Psalm 40:8; Romans7:12)
- D. God strengthens our wills.
- E. God works in our providential circumstances.
- F. God gives us access in prayer to power over temptation. (Hebrews 4:15-16; 7:25)
- G. God gives us pastors and teachers to help us understand his Word.
- H. God disciplines us for holiness. (Hebrews 12:10-11)
- IV. God's divine power is everything we need for life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3)

Application questions:

1. Why are we not holy if we no longer live under sin's reign?

2. What are some ways God has grown you through your circumstances?

3. How can your prayer life look different in light of the power therein to battle temptation? Explain.