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Romans 6: We Are Slaves of Righteousness

# Overview of Romans…

## Chapter 1: God’s Power to Save; the Unrighteousness of the Gentiles.

## Chapter 2: Indictment of the Jews.

## Chapter 3: All Have Sinned, But by Faith in Christ All Can Be Righteous.

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## Chapter 5: The Blessings of Justification; Christ is Greater Than Adam.

## Chapter 6: We Are Slaves of Righteousness.

# WHY NOT SIN SO GOD’S GRACE MAY ABOUND?

## SINCE GOD’S GRACE IS SO GREAT, WHY WORRY ABOUT SIN? – Rom. 6:1-2

### Paul’s answer: Certainly not!

### He then goes on to give four reasons why we do not continue to live in sin.

# THIS WAY OF LIFE IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS DEAD TO SIN.

## IF WE ARE DEAD TO SIN, WE NO LONGER LIVE IN IT.

### If a slave dies, he is no longer in the service of his master.

### Christ didn’t die so we could continue to live a sinful existence. – 1 Pet. 2:24

## WE ARE CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM.

## WE CAN NOW WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. – Rom. 6:3-5

## WE ARE NO LONGER SLAVES OF SIN – Rom. 6:6-7

### The very purpose of dying to sin in baptism is to be free from sin!

## WE CAN NOW LIVE WITH CHRIST – Rom. 6:8-10

# CERTAINLY NOT! WE ARE ALIVE TO GOD! – Rom. 6:11

## SIN DOES NOT HAVE TO REIGN IN US – Rom. 6:12

## OUR BODIES CAN NOW BE INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – Rom. 6:13

## GOD'S GRACE FREES US FROM SIN'S DOMINION. – Rom. 6:14

### This freedom does not give us a license to sin.

# WE ARE TO BE SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS! – Rom. 6:19

## WE ARE SLAVES TO WHATEVER WE OBEY – Rom. 6:15-16

### Grace forgives sin but it does give us an excuse to sin. - Gal. 5:13, 1 Pet. 2:15-16

### Sin does not cause grace to abound nor does it magnify the righteousness of God as we saw in earlier studies.

### Our choice is to either be slaves of sin, or slaves of righteousness

### If we continue in sin, we once again become slaves of sin! – John 8:34, Gal. 6:7-8

### For Christians, to continue in sin makes things worse. – 2 Pet. 2:20-22

## WE BECAME SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHEN WE OBEYED. – Rom. 6:17-18

### We were slaves of sin.

### But when we obeyed the doctrine from the heart, we were set free from sin.

### It is important to notice that this doctrine must be followed with the heart. – Rom. 6:17b, Acts 8:37

### We also see that following this doctrine will not only release us from sins condemnation, it will also release us from sin’s dominion. – Rom. 6:18, 8:12-13; Jn. 8:31-32

### We were set free from sin so we could become slaves of righteousness! – Mat. 6:24

## WE ARE TO SERVE RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE WE ONCE SERVED SIN. – Rom. 6:19

### We previously offered our bodies as slaves of sin

### So now we offer our bodies as slaves of righteousness for the purpose of producing holiness. – 1 Pet. 1:13-16

#### The word translated “holiness” comes from a Greek verb meaning— “to separate from profane things and dedicate to God” (Thayer).

### Take those members which were once used for Satan’s purposes and give them to God. – Rom. 12:1

# THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH! – Rom. 6:23

## THE FRUIT OF SLAVERY TO SIN IS DEATH. Rom. 6:20-21

### The end of those enslaved to sin is "death"

### Such "death" is separation from God. Is. 59:1-2, Rev. 21:8

### There is no true benefit to sin. – 2 Cor. 4:2

## THE GRACE OF GOD OFFERS ETERNAL LIFE. – Rom. 6:22-23

### By His grace we have been set free from sin, via baptism!

### The ungodly deceive themselves by thinking their slavery to sin offers more benefits than slavery to righteousness.