



ADULT CLASS MARCH 22, 2020

## Romans 6: We Are Slaves of Righteousness

- I. Overview of Romans...
  - A. Chapter 1: God's Power to Save; the Unrighteousness of the Gentiles.
  - B. Chapter 2: Indictment of the Jews.
  - C. Chapter 3: All Have Sinned, But by Faith in Christ All Can Be Righteous.
  - D. Chapter 4: Example of Abraham's Faith.
  - E. Chapter 5: The Blessings of Justification; Christ is Greater Than Adam.
  - F. Chapter 6: We Are Slaves of Righteousness.
  
- II. WHY NOT SIN SO GOD'S GRACE MAY ABOUND?
  - A. SINCE GOD'S GRACE IS SO GREAT, WHY WORRY ABOUT SIN? – Rom. 6:1-2
    - 1. Paul's answer: Certainly not!
    - 2. He then goes on to give four reasons why we do not continue to live in sin.
  
- III. THIS WAY OF LIFE IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS DEAD TO SIN.
  - A. IF WE ARE DEAD TO SIN, WE NO LONGER LIVE IN IT.
    - 1. If a slave dies, he is no longer in the service of his master.
    - 2. Christ didn't die so we could continue to live a sinful existence. – 1 Pet. 2:24
  - B. WE ARE CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM.
  - C. WE CAN NOW WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. – Rom. 6:3-5
  - D. WE ARE NO LONGER SLAVES OF SIN – Rom. 6:6-7
    - 1. The very purpose of dying to sin in baptism is to be free from sin!
  - E. WE CAN NOW LIVE WITH CHRIST – Rom. 6:8-10

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

- A. SIN DOES NOT HAVE TO REIGN IN US – Rom. 6:12
- B. OUR BODIES CAN NOW BE INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – Rom. 6:13
- C. GOD'S GRACE FREES US FROM SIN'S DOMINION. – Rom. 6:14
  - 1. This freedom does not give us a license to sin.

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

- A. WE ARE SLAVES TO WHATEVER WE OBEY – Rom. 6:15-16
  - 1. Grace forgives sin but it does give us an excuse to sin. - Gal. 5:13, 1 Pet. 2:15-16
  - 2. Sin does not cause grace to abound nor does it magnify the righteousness of God as we saw in earlier studies.
  - 3. Our choice is to either be slaves of sin, or slaves of righteousness
  - 4. If we continue in sin, we once again become slaves of sin! – John 8:34, Gal. 6:7-8
  - 5. For Christians, to continue in sin makes things worse. – 2 Pet. 2:20-22
- B. WE BECAME SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHEN WE OBEYED. – Rom. 6:17-18
  - 1. We were slaves of sin.
  - 2. But when we obeyed the doctrine from the heart, we were set free from sin.
  - 3. It is important to notice that this doctrine must be followed with the heart. – Rom. 6:17b, Acts 8:37
  - 4. 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
  - 5. We were set free from sin so we could become slaves of righteousness! – Mat. 6:24
- C. WE ARE TO SERVE RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE WE ONCE SERVED SIN. – Rom. 6:19
  - 1. We previously offered our bodies as slaves of sin
  - 2. So now we offer our bodies as slaves of righteousness for the purpose of producing holiness. – 1 Pet. 1:13-16
    - a) *The word translated "holiness" comes from a Greek verb meaning— "to separate from profane things and dedicate to God" (Thayer).*
  - 3. Take those members which were once used for Satan's purposes and give them to God. – Rom. 12:1

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

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

1. The end of those enslaved to sin is "death"
2. Such "death" is separation from God. Is. 59:1-2, Rev. 21:8
3. There is no true benefit to sin. – 2 Cor. 4:2

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

1. By His grace we have been set free from sin, via baptism!
2. The ungodly deceive themselves by thinking their slavery to sin offers more benefits than slavery to righteousness.