



ADULT CLASS MARCH 15, 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?

- 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. – Rom. 6:3-4

- 1. As followers of Christ, we seek to get "into Christ". – Rom. 3:24, 8:1a, 8:39b
- 2. Baptism is how we get "into Christ"? – Gal. 3:27
- 3. We are also baptized into His death. – Col. 2:12
- 4. Baptism is where we are crucified with Christ. – Rom. 6:6a
- 5. In Baptism we are united with Christ!
- 6. Baptism represents three things in regards to Christ: his death, his burial, and his resurrection.
- 7. In a similar way, baptism represents the believer's death to sin and his resurrection to a new life freed from the slavery of sin.
- 8. Thus baptism (not repentance) is where we die to sin. – Gal. 2:20, 5:24, 6:14

- C. WE CAN NOW WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. – Rom. 6:4-5
  - 1. Just as Christ rose from the grave, so we rise from baptism to walk in newness of life. – Eph. 4:22-24; Rom. 6:4b; Col. 2:12-13
  - 2. We are now a new creation in Christ. – 2 Cor. 5:17
- 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
  - 1. Christ's death and resurrection illustrate the potential of man's own resurrection.
  - 2. Christ now lives with God in newness of life. – Eph. 2:4-6

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

- A. SIN DOES NOT HAVE TO REIGN IN US – Rom. 6:12
  - 1. We who were dead in sin can now choose not to let it reign in us!
  - 2. We can no longer be debtors to sin. – Rom. 8:12-13; Ps. 119:133
  - 3. The roots of sin are in the desires of the body which we must control. – Js. 1:13-15
  - 4. We cannot give over parts of our body to be used for unrighteousness. – Col. 3:5-6
  - 5. We must be tools of God to be used for righteousness. – 1 Pet. 4:1-3
- B. OUR BODIES CAN NOW BE INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - Rom. 6:13
  - 1. We can present ourselves to God...
    - a) *As alive from the dead*
    - b) *As instruments of righteousness to Him*
  - 2. We can now glorify Him even with our bodies. – 1 Cor. 6:19-20
  - 3. Does this mean that we will no longer feel the pull of sin? No. – 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:13
- C. GOD'S GRACE FREES US FROM SIN'S DOMINION. – Rom. 6:14
  - 1. Some have wrongly concluded from this passage that the Christian is not subject to any laws. – 1 Cor. 9:21; Tit. 2:11-13
  - 2. Under this system of grace, sin must no longer be our master.
  - 3. In Christ, we have been set free! – Rom. 8:1-2