



GRACE-POWERED LIVING

A Study of the Book of ROMANS

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Romans 6:15-23

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Introduction: Does the doctrine of salvation by grace encourage disobedience to God? Not if you understand the truth Paul reveals in today's passage from Romans 6.

Two Wrong Conclusions About Sin

1. Sin is **inevitable** for the believer.

2. Sin is **acceptable** for the believer.

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I. The Eternal Principle (Romans 6:15-16)

Romans 6:15 "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!"

Romans 6:16 "Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?"

John 8:34 "Truly, Truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin."

2 Peter 2:19b "...for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved."

II. The Past Reality (Romans 6:17-18)

Romans 6:17-18 "¹⁷But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

Relationship Between Humanity and Sin

1. **Able** to sin (Adam and Eve).
2. **Not** able to sin (all unbelievers since the Fall).
3. Able **not** to sin (Christians).

Romans 6:18 "And having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

III. The Present Choice (Romans 6:19-23)

A. The Choice of Sin (Romans 6:19-21)

1. Sin characterizes the **old** nature, not the **new** nature.
2. Sin leads to **slavery**, not freedom.

Romans 6:19 "I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification."

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3. Sin results in **death**, not life.

Romans 6:21, 23 “²¹ Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

B. The Choice of Righteousness (Romans 6:22-23)

Romans 6:22-23 “²² But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1. Obedience to God is **profitable**.

John 8:31b-32 “^{31b}...If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

2. Obedience to God is **possible**.

2 Peter 1:3 “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”

Conclusion