

Romans 6:15-23

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Section 1: Romans 6:15-19

So *now* can we sin all we want?

- Dealing with the questions of life under grace
- WHY do we ask this question?
- We don't understand Sin

Grace – A Free Gift – (culled from LS Chafer)

It is NOT Grace if:

- *There are strings attached*
- *If it can be earned*
- *If it can be paid back*
- *If it is increased by doing good*
- *If it is decreased by doing bad*
- *If it can be revoked for any reason*

Grace IS:

- *Totally free to the recipient*
- *Must be received freely*
- *Must be received by faith*
- *The Principle of our Salvation*
- *The motivation for the Christian life*

*God's grace is the **UNLIMITED, UNMERITED**, favor of God based on the **totally adequate** work of Jesus Christ*

Making Presentations

- Paul drops another Pauline Idiom
- "Do you not know?!"
- We should know it...but it cannot be taken for granted.
- Slaves either way.
- Slavery in the first century world

Simple Notes on Slavery in the Ancient World

- Slavery was part of the ancient world
- Slavery could be very abusive or welcome
- Paul identified himself as a slave of God (Titus 1:1)
- Slaves could be educated, respected, and even own slaves themselves
- 1 Corinthians 7:21-22; Galatians 3:28; Philemon 1:15-16

Voluntary Slavery

- Having been freed from sin a believer can still continue to live as a slave to sin
- From the earthly perspective there is little difference between the non-believer (who is a slave to sin) and the believer who is choosing to obey sin

Three People...

- The unbeliever can be legalistic or licentious, but he is still in Adam – destined for an eternity in Hell – and is not rightly related to God in Christ
- This person needs to hear the Gospel and trust in Christ for salvation
- The Believer who is in a bad place – He can be legalistic or licentious – His position in Christ is secure – He is born again and saved – but he is not in right moment by moment fellowship with God
- This person needs to grow in grace - understand spiritual growth
- The believer who is in a good place – He understands his position in Christ and is living out that position by God's grace through moment by moment faith in the revealed word of God.

Three Groups

“The Apostle Paul, by the Spirit, has divided the whole human family into three groups: (1) The "natural man," who is unregenerate, or unchanged spiritually; (2) the "carnal man," who is a "babe in Christ," and walks "as a man"; and (3) the "spiritual" man.”

- Sperry Chafer, Lewis. He That Is Spiritual (Annotated) . NPL Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Freedom

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.” (Galatians 5:1 [NKJV](#))

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13 [NKJV](#))

Section 2 – Romans 6:20-23

Thinking it through

Sin and Shame

Christ's Suffering in the Garden – Luke 22:41-44

7 Deaths of Scripture

- **Spiritual Death** (separation from God in time Gen. 2:16-17; Eph. 2:1).
- **The Second Death** (the perpetuation of spiritual death into eternity; Rev. 20:12-15).
- **Physical Death** (the separation of the soul from the body; Eccl. 12:7; 2 Cor. 5:8).
- **Sexual Death** (the inability to procreate; Rom. 4:19-21).
- **Operational Death** (the inability to produce good; James 2:26).
- **Positional Death:** *in Adam* (Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:22), and *in Christ* (Rom. 6:8; 1 Cor. 15:22; Col. 3:3).
- **Carnal Death** (this is the believer out of fellowship with God, operating according to his *Sinful Nature*; Rom. 8:6, 13; James 1:14-15; Rev. 3:1; Luke 15:24, 32)

Romans 6:23 – An Eternal Principle

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death,
but the gift of God *is* eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.”