

Romans 6:1-23

The Book of Romans reveals how man continues to feel the need to have to contribute something to be saved.

Romans Chapter 1 reveals the unrighteous of man, and shows how degraded man becomes when he rejects God. We see it in the news everyday – murders, rapes, school shootings, etc. When you take the sanctity of life (the bible and God) out of life, society degrades.

Romans Chapter 2 reveals how man becomes self-righteous in his behavior and attitude after rejecting God.

Romans Chapter 3 reveals what God thinks of man's attitude in His written Word.

Romans Chapter 4 and 5 brings out two men in detail whom the Jewish people are very familiar with: King David and Abraham: Law and Grace. Paul uses these two characters to get the lesson across. The temple was in place, the law was enforced, and sacrifices were going on.

Romans Chapter 6 Paul is still reiterating some of the topics we just discussed, but it so important he must to make sure we understand the concept. We're going to get into some interesting and controversial things soon.

Vs1: Paul addresses the issue of being saved by grace and then has a license to sin. We still hear about this issue today.

Vs2: It is not true. Christians are judged more harshly for their sins because we now know better. Being a Christian means sin is no longer our master. It doesn't mean we won't sin occasionally, but sin is no longer our master.

Vs3: when we accepted Jesus Christ as our savior and master, we were immediately baptized into his spirit. That's our salvation right there.

Vs4: we are baptized and buried with Jesus Christ to serve him, not the old master sin.

Vs5: when you're saved, you grow in Christ according to your ability. God takes all that into account on judgement day. Every day as a Christian is equated to the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

Vs6: the old man is sin. The body of sin is annihilated, wiped away, does not have control anymore. You will still sin after you are saved, and you will battle it the rest of your life, but it does not have control over you anymore. It does not rule you anymore. Jesus Christ rules you know, He has control, and we must feed it, nurture it, grow it. The old nature of sin is still there, and if you feed it, it will grow back. We sin, then we say "Why did I do that???" That's the old nature breaking through.

Vs7-8: You are dead to the old nature. It's still there, it still wants to rise up and control you, but it is not your ruler anymore.

Vs9: Christ was perfect.

Vs10: He died for the atonement of sin one time and one time only. He doesn't have to do it again, ever. Once is all it took.

Vs11: "reckon" in Greek means a present tense word, to keep on counting, keep on continuing. It is a continuous thing; remember every day, every minute that you are no longer under the control of sin but rather a child of God.

Vs12: Paul just goes on and on in the influence of the Holy Spirit about our daily battle with sin and that we are not to let it get control.

Vs13: submit your whole self, your whole will to God.

Vs14: you are not under the law of sin anymore after you are saved. You are under grace by God, so live that way, live for God. Submit your will to God and live for Him. The law puts you to death, grace gives you eternal life.

Vs15: do not sin just because you are saved. Don't even think about it. Being saved is not a license to sin, period.

Vs16: if you live in sin, you surrender to the old nature, and you are a servant of it. Either way you are a servant. Serving sin and old habits makes a slave out of you. Serving Christ gives you life and sets you free. Everybody who has ever been born has sin to battle on a daily basis, or it will make a slave out of you.

Vs17: you've now believed the truth of the gospel, so you are no longer a slave to sin but rather a servant to righteousness.

Vs18: Paul is telling us all this and repeating himself several times because humans are weak and we have to battle sin everyday.

Vs19: we've done one bad after another. The old life where we used to sin willfully over and over again is gone after we become saved. Let it go.

Vs20: as a Christian, we can live righteously now. We must make a conscious effort to good and right every day.

Vs21: what kind of fruit did you produce when you sinned everyday? Jail, diseases, unrest and unhappiness, that's what.

Vs22: Now you are building fruit (rewards) as you live for Christ, rewards you will have in heaven.

Vs23: for the wages of sin is death, and the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Without Jesus Christ, we would all die eternally. With Jesus Christ, we will live eternally, happily, in peace and joy.