

Ivy Baptist Church
Wednesday Bible Study
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The Book of Romans Part 12 (Romans 6:15-23)

Summary of Romans 1-5

- Romans 1: The gospel of Jesus Christ
- Justification by faith introduced.
- Romans 2: No favoritism with God
- The Jews have no advantage with God!
- Romans 3: All are guilty before God
- No one has the right to boast in God because of obedience to the Law, because NO ONE is capable of obeying all of God's laws (sin).
- Romans 4: Justification by faith, an Old Testament concept
- Abraham and David were declared righteous with God, because of their FAITH, not because of their deeds.
- Romans 5: The benefits of being saved
- Peace with God, access to His grace, purpose in trials, etc.

Romans 6:1-14 Summary:

- Romans 6:1-7 focuses on the "death" or SEPARATION of sin from the believer as illustrated through the act of baptism.
- Romans 6:8-14, focuses on the RESURRECTION or NEW LIFE of the believer as illustrated through the act of baptism and Jesus being raised from the dead.
- THE ONLY WAY SIN BECOMES ACTIVE IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE IS WHEN WE GIVE IT LIFE!
- IF SIN IS DEAD TO CHRISTIANS, IT IS OUR JOB TO "BURY IT!"
- You can't get NEW life, with the "Old" life still living!

Today's Lesson: Romans 6:15-23

- The main thought of Romans 6:15-23 is _____.
- The existence of _____ is evident in both the Old and New testaments.
- During biblical times, _____ was an acceptable form of practice in the culture.
- God NEVER condemns _____ as an institution. Rather, God gives instructions on how both slave owners (masters) and slaves should conduct themselves.
- Paul's primary position on slavery: Masters should treat their slaves with respect and slaves should submit to their masters. This is _____ like behavior.
- **Paul then uses this thinking in addressing spiritual matters in Romans 6:15-23.**

Question: Should Christians willingly sin because we know God's grace is upon our lives?

- NO! That's Paul's argument in verse 15
- **Key Verse 16:**
- WHOMEVER or WHATEVER you give yourself to, to obey, YOU BECOME A _____ TO IT.
- This is true whether it's being a slave to sin or _____.
- PAUL'S POINT: The question is NOT whether or not we will be a slave, the question is TO WHAT OR _____?

- **Key Point: SLAVES ONLY HAVE _____ MASTER.**
- **Matthew 6:24, “NO ONE, can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND RICHES.”**
- With Paul it is clear: WE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND SIN AT THE _____ TIME!
- Verse 17: Thank God you _____ a slave to sin!
- How does a person be FREE of serving sin?
- **WHEN YOU OBEY FROM THE _____ THE TEACHINGS OF GOD!**
- **BEING DELIVERED FROM SIN IS AN _____ ISSUE, NOT EXTERNAL CONFORMITY!**
- **Vs. 18:** Because you were set free from sin, **NOW YOU CAN SERVE ANOTHER MASTER; _____!**
- **Key Verse 19:**
- **IN THE SAME WAY YOU USED TO GIVE YOUR BODY OVER TO HONOR THE SLAVEMASTER OF SIN, NOW GIVE YOUR BODY OVER TO THE SLAVEMASTER OF _____ AND RIGHTEOUSNESS! Why?**
- Because when we were slaves to sin, **WE COULD CARE LESS ABOUT _____! (Vs. 20)**
- When you look back at your life before you were saved, what **GOOD** things (fruit) did you produce? (vs. 21)
- _____! Why?
- Because everything we did before we were saved lead to _____. (separation from God).
- Vs. 22: Now that you are saved and are slaves to God, what kind of fruit can you produce?
- **FRUIT OF _____ AND EVERLASTING LIFE!**

Romans 6:23 (Table AAA-Discussion) (Memory Verse)

- **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”**
- **Analyze and Attain**

Roman Road to Salvation (so far). How to lead someone to Christ by select verses in Romans:

- **Romans 1:16:** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, the Jew first and then the Greek.
- **Romans 3:23:** For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
- **Romans 5:8:** For God demonstrated His own love toward us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- **Romans 6:23:** For the wages of sin is death, but the give of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Apply: What did I learn in today’s lesson that I need to develop in my relationship with God?
