

**All Citizens Christian Church Calgary**

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025. **Topic: THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS 6**

**THE SLAVE OF SIN VS THE SLAVE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**INTRODUCTION**: Romans 6 is better understood if we start reading chapter 6 from Romans 5:20. From what was written in Romans 5:20-21, some began to think legalistically while some were ignorant of their relationship with Christ. For this reason, the thought of some people was that their continuation in sin could lead to the multiplication of grace and therefore their consistent salvation. Grace should not be an excuse for sin as explained by Apostle Paul in Romans 6. He explains this by giving example with our baptism into Christ which signifies the identification of a believer with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We therefore die to sin and come alive to righteousness.

The main focus of chapter 6 of Romans is that we should know that we are dead to sin and we must therefore recon or count the cost of being dead to sin and therefore submit ourselves as slaves to God. Apostle Pual explained our servitude like this; As humans we are slaves to the person or phenomenon we obey. That is, we are either slaves to sin or slaves to God. Who or whichever we are therefore slaves to we have to obey. But Paul is grateful that the Romans who were formerly slaves to sin, have begun to obey God and were therefore free to become His servants. He concluded the chapter by saying serving sin earns(opsonia-the wages of a soldier) death, but serving God makes one to receive the gift (charisma) of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

OUTLINE:

**OBJECTIVES IN STUDYING THIS CHAPTER**

1. To understand the functionality of grace which is not an excuse for sin
2. To appreciate the freedom from sin which we now enjoy in Christ
3. The place of the Christian in rejecting sinful desires and
4. To understand our relationship with God as His slaves and therefore having full allegiance to Him should make us no longer serve sin.

What makes people think that they could continue in sin so grace would abound?

1. Ignorance
2. Legalism

**BEING DEAD TO SIN?**

1. How does baptism help us to explain our relationship with Christ and therefore sin? *Our baptism is a physical manifestation of the spiritual alignment with Christ* (3-4)
2. **Now that we are dead to sin what should we do?** *Walk in the newness of life as free people* (4b-7). When one comes to Christ, He or she is dead to sin but alive to God and we are united with Christ in His death, so we are like Him in His resurrection (8-10). II Peter 1:3-4
3. **We must count (recon) ourselves** to be dead to sin (11) so sin should not rule our mortal bodies any longer.
4. **We must not yield or present ourselves to sin**. The process of yielding is deliberate. And the scripture tells us that the access if sin into us is through our mortal bodies. Who should allow sin in our lives? Is it us or God? Verse 12-13, 15
5. **We must serve our Master**. Definitely not sin but righteousness. Slave and master relationship: How do we present our bodies to sin or to obedience? (15-18).There is no middle ground. Matt 6:24, I john 2:15-17
6. How did we get freed from sin (By being obedient to the teachings (word of God) we heard) Psalm 119:9, James 4:7, II Tim 3:16-17, Psalm 1:1-2, Romans 12:2.
7. How do you understand the term, a slave of righteousness?
8. How did we behave when we were slaves of lawlessness and now having become slaves of righteousness how should we behave? 19-20

**WHAT IS OUR MOTIVATION FOR SERVING GOD.**

1. Serving righteousness produces holiness (**19**)
2. Serving sin produces death and we do not want death. (**20-21**)
3. Serving God produces the fruit of holiness, and in the end, eternal life (**22**)
4. The wages of sin is death, but God gives the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (**23**)

What were our fruits of unrighteousness that brought shame? Gal 5: 19-21.

What do you consider fruits to holiness? **Gal 5:22-23**

The apostle helps us to conclude that the wages (work) of sin is death, but the gift (free) of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

From the above, what then is the difference between a slave of sin and a slave of righteousness. The person who manifests the works of the flesh vs the one that manifests the works of the spirit. **Gal 5:19-23**

How do you present your bodies as instruments of righteousness. Think of what an instrument is used for. Don’t offer your bodies as instruments for sin. **Rom 12:1**.

Why should sin not be our master or have dominion over us? **Verse 14**

**REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAPTER**

1. **List the main points of this chapter**
2. **Why are Christians not to continue in sin? (2)**
3. **What happens when one is baptized into Christ? (3-7)**
4. **How should we present the members of our bodies? (13)**
5. **Why does sin no longer have dominion over the Christian? (14)**
6. **What was necessary to become free from sin? (17-18)**
7. **What is the result of presenting your members as slaves to righteousness? (19)**
8. **What three steps are described that eventually lead to eternal life? (22)**
9. **What is the just payment for sin? But what does God give us in Christ? (23)**

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