

I) V12-14 INTRO: **Therefore do not let sin reign** in your mortal body
Paul had just instructed the Romans that they are free from the **penalty** of sin

II) Through Adam, **sin** entered the world **and death** by sin
All humanity received his fallen nature
Because sin brings death, death **has reigned** and we all one day will die

III) His sin brought penalty, but the voluntary death of Jesus paid the price

Because of this, though many die because of Adam we have life in Jesus

Adam's sin brought condemnation, but Jesus' sacrifice brought justification

IV) 5:19 One man's **disobedience** produced many sinners
Jesus' **obedience** made many righteous

V) V20 Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more

V21 Sin reigned in death but grace reigns **through righteousness** to eternal life

This all have been accomplished through our Lord Jesus Christ

VI) His theological opponents did not agree with this teaching

They did not understand the **nature of grace** and argued against it

They said his teaching minimized sin and led to ungodly living

VII) If grace abounds, **why not sin even** more so grace abounds even more

VIII) Paul said a genuinely saved person **never** takes God's grace lightly

We don't continue in sin but live as those who have been

rescued from it

We are dead to sin but alive to Jesus!

IX) This does not mean that we **never sin again** but lives an entirely new life

1 Jn 1:6 **If we say** that we have fellowship with Him, and **walk in darkness**, we lie and do not practice the truth

X) Because of His grace, our lives have been transformed

We no longer walk in darkness

Eph 5:8 at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk** as children of light

I) We are not perfect and will not be perfected until we are in heaven

It does mean that we can now have victory in Christ over its domination

II) Our new life in Christ is revealed through the sacrament of baptism

It expresses visibly the new life that we have because of Him

III) We are baptized, not to be saved but because we have been saved

We have been saved by grace, through faith and **reveal** this in baptism

1 Pe 3:21 (Writing of baptism) This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also: **not the removal of dirt from the body** but the pledge of **a good conscience** towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

IV) We have been buried with Him through baptism into death

We also have been raised from the dead in Him, and have **newness** of life

V) In Jesus our old life was crucified with Him, we are no longer

slaves to sin

Because **we are dead** with Him, we no longer are expected to pay our debt

You don't expect a corpse to pay a debt (though they may vote!)

VI) V8 If **we died** with Christ we believe that we shall also **live with** Him!

Death no longer has dominion over Him, or over us

VII) V11 We, by faith, reckon ourselves **dead to sin**, but alive to God in Jesus

By faith, know because of His resurrection and life **you too are alive**

Because of this understand sin cannot control you

VIII) By faith, we offer ourselves to God, and not to a life of sin

We need to understand that grace provides power for us to overcome

IX) BEGIN STUDY

X) V12 **Therefore do not let sin reign** in your mortal body that you should obey

Because this is true, do not entertain sin or obey its evil promptings

Do not allow sin to rule over you, enticing and provoking you to sin

XI) This is a choice that we can make: to sin or to reject the temptation to

Believers normally don't commit sin without awareness that it is wrong

I) John Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress—9 stages of backsliding

How do Christians yield to sin when they have power to overcome it?

II) **First**: They no longer think about God, Jesus' sacrifice, death, or judgment

Second: They reject spiritual disciplines like prayer and devotions

This results in no longer sorrowing over sin or curbing their desires

Third: They voluntarily reject healthy Christian fellowship

Fourth: They no longer attend church services, rejecting bible teaching

Fifth: They begin to judge other believers, calling them hypocrites

Sixth: They reject Christian fellowship and cultivate carnal friendships

Seventh: They begin to privately talk about sin, using sinful people as models

Eighth: They begin to secretly practice small, sinful pleasures

Ninth: They become emboldened and openly practice their sinful life

III) Because we have God's word, we can be warned and instructed

IV) V13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness

Do not offer up your body as tools of and weapons of wickedness

V) Do not allow yourselves to become a weapon that is wielded **by sin**

Do not use your body to become a force for evil

Do not use your hands, or speech, or any part of you to be used for evil

VI) V13 Instead, become an instrument and weapon for God in the hands of God

Whenever you **read** scripture, **pray**, **fellowship**, **witness** you are

a weapon

VII) You are the devil's enemy, and you are invading and taking ground

Our weapons are not physical weapons, but are spiritual
2 Co 10:4-5 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We tear down arguments and every presumption set up against the knowledge of God; and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ

VIII) We **were** spiritually dead, but now being alive we can bring honor to God

IX) V14 For ***sin shall not have dominion over you***, for you are not under law

V6 the body of sin is done away with, we should no longer be ***sin's slaves***

I) We can resist its temptation by determining to live for Jesus
This comes through understanding who you are and what you can do in Him

1 Co 6:19-20 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; [HYPERLINK "https://www.biblehub.com/greek/59.htm"](https://www.biblehub.com/greek/59.htm) \o "59: ēgorasthēte (V-AIP-2P) -- To buy. From agora; properly, to go to market, i.e. to purchase; specially, to redeem." you were bought [HYPERLINK "https://www.biblehub.com/greek/5092.htm"](https://www.biblehub.com/greek/5092.htm) \o "5092: timēs (N-GFS) -- A price, honor. From tino; a value, i.e. Money paid, or valuables; by analogy, esteem, or the dignity itself." at a price. [HYPERLINK "https://www.biblehub.com/greek/1211.htm"](https://www.biblehub.com/greek/1211.htm) \o "1211: dē (Prtcl) -- Probably akin to de; a particle of emphasis or explicitness; now, then, etc." Therefore [HYPERLINK "https://www.biblehub.com/greek/1392.htm"](https://www.biblehub.com/greek/1392.htm) \o "1392: doxasate (V-AMA-2P) -- To glorify, honor, bestow glory on. From doxa; to render glorious." glorify [HYPERLINK "https://www.biblehub.com/greek/2316.htm"](https://www.biblehub.com/greek/2316.htm) \o "2316: Theon (N-AMS) -- A deity, especially the supreme

Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very." God
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(Prep) -- In, on, among. A primary preposition denoting position, and
instrumentality, i.e. A relation of rest; in, at, on, by, etc." with
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hymōn (PPro-G2P) -- You. The person pronoun of the second person
singular; thou." your HYPERLINK "<https://www.biblehub.com/greek/4983.htm>" \o "4983: sōmati (N-DNS) -- Body, flesh; the body of the
Church. From sozo; the body, used in a very wide application,
literally or figuratively." body.

II) V14 for you are not under law but **under grace**

As believers we don't ignore the law but live according to its
moral directions

We don't attempt to be justified by **our efforts** but are justified
by grace

III) V15 What then **Shall we sin** because we are not under law but
under grace

God forbid that we should look lightly upon sin because its
desire is to rule

We are not freed to sin, but are freed to resist yielding to its
domination

IV) We have died to sin, and are no longer to be under its
domination

We are no longer in the service of sin, but in the service of
righteousness

V) We do not look lightly at sin, and we do not ignore the moral
lessons of the law

Nine of the ten commandments are repeated in the NT

VI) The only one that is **not repeated** in the NT is keeping the
Sabbath

Ex 31:13 Speak also to the *children of Israel*, saying: Surely My

Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign **between Me and you** throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you

VII) V15 We are no longer under the law, but are living in the grace of God

This doesn't free us **to** sin, but frees us from the **domination** of sin

VIII) V16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves to obey

When you place yourself under someone's orders, you become their slave

This means that you are no longer independent but follow their commands

IX) When you present yourself to sin, you become a slave to sin

Alcohol, anger, bitterness, drugs, gossip, lying, porn, sexual sin **is bondage**

X) V16 Christians have become the servants of God and are to obey Him totally

We yield ourselves, voluntarily to Him and we are to serve Him only

I) Since desires still rage within us, we seek Him to help us to be pure

Ps 19:13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression

II) Some argue: If God's grace covers **all** sins, then why not just continue in sin

Why should we discipline ourselves, pursuing godliness?
Since grace abounds why not just live in sin and experience grace!

III) We do not continue in sin because grace is intended to free us from bondage

Grace **frees us** from the bondage of sin

IV) We have a choice to make

We can voluntarily submit our lives to sin or we can submit our lives to God

This obedience leads to righteousness, the condition of our souls and life

V) Sin leads to eternal death, but righteousness leads to a peace filled life

Jn 8:34-36 Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a *slave of sin*. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, **you shall be free indeed**.

VI) V17 But God be thanked that though **you were slaves of sin** yet you obeyed

You **were** once slaves to sin but that cannot be said of you anymore

VII) You have been set free and have a brand-new life in Jesus (2 Co 5:17)

1 Co 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God Do not be deceived Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God And **such were** some of you But **you were** washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God

VIII) V17 They had obeyed **from the heart** that form of doctrine

They had heard and obeyed, from the heart, the message of redemption

God's word had been received and they were transformed from

the inside

IX) God's word of salvation occurs in one's innermost being
Faith in Jesus and obedience reveals someone who has been born again

I) By His word, God gives you a new heart (New motives)
Heb. 10:16 This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put **My laws in their hearts**, and I will write them on their minds."

II) We are set free from sin by clinging to and trusting in God and His word

Jn 8:31-32 If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and *the truth shall make you free*.

III) V17 You have followed the pattern of teaching that produces disciples of Jesus

God gives us a new heart: Obedience from any other motive is not accepted

IV) This **new heart** motivates us to live in a way that brings glory to Him

Titus 2:14 He gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

V) V18 And having been **set free** from sin you became slaves of righteousness

Sin is no longer your master, ruling over you

You have been freed from your old master, like a freed slave so **be free!**

VI) We are free in Jesus, so we voluntarily serve Him

You once presented yourself to sin and it ruled over you and hurt you

Now present yourselves to God as servants of righteousness

VII) V19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh For just as

I am using a human figure of speech, simple illustrations from ordinary life

VIII) This is because you, at this time, cannot understand yet what I am saying

Your spiritual depth is still unformed, and this is beyond your experience

Your long life of sin has been used to dull your understanding

IX) This is not an insult but is actually a concession to their weakness

He was considering how he should speak to them

1 Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

I) V19 For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness

At one time you were slaves to uncleanness and lawlessness

II) Uncleanness: In a moral sense: the impurity of lustful living

Lawlessness: Contempt for the law, or moral restraint

III) This is what had mastered you

This was at one time our way of life

2 Pe. 2:19 a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.

IV) We did whatever our sinful heart desired: some obviously worse than others

This is no longer the way that we live, knowing we wasted so much time

1 Pe 4:3-4 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.

V) V19 We now are **slaves of righteousness** for holiness

This is our new life in Him

Ps 29:2 Give to the Lord the glory due to His name worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Lu 1:74-75 To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, *In holiness* and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

VI) V20-21 When you were slaves of sin you were free in regard to righteousness

As slaves **to sin**, you were not under the influence of righteousness

You became embarrassed over the way that you were living

What fruit did you have then? The end result of it is **death**

VII) V22-23 But now having been **set free** from sin and having become slaves of

Now, you have fruit unto life, through faith in Jesus

Jesus **is** our life: We are now set free from the bondage of sin

Jn 5:24 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

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