

Romans 6:1-2 Deliverance From Sin

Paul now shifts gears to deal with the practical problem of sin. It's time to stop accepting defeat as normal. Believe deliverance is real, and it is God's promise for us.

Topic- sanctification

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INTRO

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Romans 6 begins Paul's discussion of Sanctification.

Romans 6:19 — ...so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

-Romans 6:22 — But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Holiness = haggiasmos(ἁγιασμός)

-Hagios = Holy or "Saint"

-Hagiazō = sanctify (to make holy)

-Haggiasmos = 50/50 Holiness/Sanctification

*Rogers- The Church pure is the Church powerful.

We need power over sin.

-We should want power over sin.

-Victory & power over sin is not only possible,
it is a promise from God.

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- *When asked when he would ever preach Romans, MLJ responded with:

"Whenever I have really understood Romans 6." He later described understanding Romans 6 as: "The most liberating discovery." -Followed by washer

Our Goal: To stop accepting defeat as normal. Believe deliverance is real, and that it is God's promise for you.

-Striving in the flesh always ends in failure and frustration.

An introductory sermon will not fix everything in one Sunday.

-We are a church, and the assumption is that we will continue gathering and learning together.

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EXCURSUS: WHY CHAPTER 6 FOLLOWS CHAPTER 5

2 Peter 3:15-16 — and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul... in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

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“Are you saying that a Christian can sin as many times as they want and still go to heaven?”

-Yes

“BUT WON'T THAT MAKE CHRISTIANS JUST KEEP ON SINNING!?!?!?”

-No

-Because born again people don't think that way

“A False Dilemma”

THREE FALSE RESPONSES TO SIN:

-1) Antinomianism

*MLloyd-Jones If your presentation of the Gospel does not expose it to the charge of antinomianism you are probably not putting it correctly...

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1) Antinomianism

2) Legalism

The fear of antinomianism causes some people to create unbiblical doctrines or standards intended to prevent people from sinning.

They build unbiblical safeguards around grace.

-Yet those safeguards are flesh-power.

Grace is not the problem.

-Grace is the foundation of freedom from sin.

The legalist responds to this fear by building rules, fences, or doctrines in the power of the flesh.

-Legalism will never set you free.

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THREE FALSE RESPONSES TO SIN:

- 1) Antinomianism
- 2) Legalism
- 3) Resignation

The resigned believer may not argue for continuing in sin, but he has quietly accepted that continuing in sin is inevitable.

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THE NEED

How many sermons have reminded you of your struggles?

-How many sermons have stirred your desire to do something, yet nothing has been done?

-How many times have you been convicted?

-How many times have you promised God that you would change?

-How many times have you tried harder, only to find yourself in the same place?

-Why is there no power in the church to day?

*Rogers- Church Pure is Powerful (again)

Without holiness, no one will see God.

*Redpath- "Many Christians live on the right side of Easter but the wrong side of Pentecost."
They have forgiveness, but no power.

The right side of pardon, but the wrong side of power.

The right side of forgiveness, but the wrong side of fellowship.

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THE FLESH CANNOT FINISH WHAT THE SPIRIT BEGAN

Galatians 3:1 & 3 — O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth...Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

"being made perfect" = epiteleō(ἐπιτελέω); to bring to an end, accomplish, perfect, execute, complete

-Though a completely different word from "sanctify" (hagiazō), it is the same concept. -To bring a Christian to their completed/perfect state is to make them holy.

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Why are we always trying some new method, but not God's method?

How long will God let us strive in our flesh?

I don't know, how long will it take before you really, truly, experientially know, "I can't do this." God wants you to believe in your heart, there is no way for me to get victory on my own. Some of you are naturally strong. Some are naturally stubborn. Some of you are quite strong AND stubborn. It may take you years before you finally give up striving in your flesh. You come to the end of your rope, and there you discover grace.

"God will never give you more than can handle..."

-Unless He desires to crush you

Zechariah 4:6 — So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

Psalms 119:9 — BETH. How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

- "taking heed" = shāmar(שָׁמַר) to keep, retain, treasure up (in memory)

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CONFESSION: "applying what we know"

Confession means agreeing with God.

1 John 1:9 — If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confess = homologeō(ὁμολογέω)

-Homo = the same + Logos/Lego = Speech/To Speak

-Confession means to agree with God, "to speak the same thing"

What God says is true. What I am doing is wrong.

-What God says about sin is true.

-What God says about me in Christ is true.

-What God says throughout Romans is true.

The opposite of confession is self-justification.

-We are often guilty of self-justification.

The reason we refuse to confess a sin is that we are attempting to justify ourselves or justify the sin.

We explain it.

We excuse it.

We minimize it.

We rename it.

We blame someone else.

We deny it.

We ignore it.

We pretend it is not really sin.

We explain it:

"I only exploded because I had been under so much pressure all day."

We excuse it:

"I know it was wrong, but I was tired and wasn't myself."

We minimize it:

"I was only a little drunk; it was not really that serious."

We rename it:

"I am not bitter; I am just protecting myself from being hurt again."

We blame someone else:

"I would not have done it if only my spouse had..."

We deny it:

"I don't have an anger problem; people are simply too sensitive."

We ignore it:

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We pretend it is not really sin: "That is just my personality; God just made me this way."

Romans says God is the One who justifies sinners.

-Yet we continue trying to justify our sins.

We should confess:

-Sins of commission.

-Sins of omission.

-Actions. Words. Thoughts. Motives. Attitudes.

We sin throughout the day, yet how much do we truly confess?

Some people truly hate their sin.

-They hate being slaves to it.

-They hate the consequences.

-They hate the damage it causes.

-Yet they have resolved not to deal with it and have surrendered to it.

They hate the sin and hate the slavery, but they are not confessing what God tells them to confess or reckoning what Romans 6 tells them to reckon.

Hating your bondage is not the same as believing and acting upon God's provision for freedom.

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HEART TURN

There is no such thing as inconsequential sin.

Romans 6:12 — “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.”

Romans 13:14 — “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

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CALL

Are you STRUGGLING with sin or are you LIVING in sin?

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Isaiah 42:3 — A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.

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