

ROMANS 6

INTRODUCTION

A. Chapter 5 review

1. Peace with God – 5:1
2. Progression to righteousness – 5:3-4
3. Without the law sin is not imputed – 5:12-13 (ellogeo- attributed to, assigned)
4. Grace trumps sin – 5:20 **“²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, ²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

- John 19:30 **“³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!”**
- What was finished?
- All that was necessary to redeem man from a life of sin.
- He took our sin, yours, and mine, to the grave.
- Sin (hamartano, hamartia), to miss the mark so as to not share in the prize, offend, trespass
- **“When we are born again, when we have believed on Jesus for our salvation, our relationship with sin is permanently changed. We have died to sin. Therefore, if we have died to sin then we should not live in it any longer. It simply isn’t fitting to live any longer in something you have died to.”** Guzik
- Are you still holding onto something from your former life?
- Are you guiltling yourself over some hidden sin?
- Let go and let God.
- Heb, 12:1-2 **“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the [Ⓜ]author and [Ⓜ]finisher of our faith, who for the joy**

that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

- It's time to forgive yourself. He has.
- Before you were born again, you were dead in. Now you are dead to sin.

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- Gal. 2:19-20 “¹⁹ For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”
- The Holy spirit indwells us.
- If we think that we cannot escape the sin that binds us, we are not trusting that Jesus has indeed freed us.
- It is not about trying harder but trusting Jesus.
- John 15:5 “⁵ I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”
- Phil. 4:13 “¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
- Gal. 3:27 “²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”
- Daily arm yourself with the armor of God.
- Col.2:11-14 “¹¹ In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ ”
- Our sin was nailed to the cross and buried with Christ.

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

- As co-heirs with Christ, we will receive all that He receives
- His resurrection is proof that death is not the end for us.
- God accepted the death of Jesus as the ransom necessary for our salvation.

- As we died with Christ through baptism, we also resurrected with Him.
- "Our participation in the death of Jesus makes our participation in His resurrection certain. It is too easy for some Christians to focus solely on the "crucified life," failing to see that it is a part (and an essential part) of a bigger picture: preparation for *resurrection* life." Guzik
- The old man still have lapses, unintentional sin, but does not reside there.
- "Evil enters us now as an interloper and a stranger, and works sad havoc, but it does not abide in us upon the throne; it is an alien, and despised, and no more honored and delighted in. We are dead to the reigning power of sin." (Spurgeon)

⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Will we no longer commit? No.
- We will continue to stumble but get back up and follow Christ.
- We will no longer engage in voluntary, habitual sin.
- Alive in Christ means that we are dead to sin.
- "If God has given to you and to me an entirely new life in Christ, how can that new life spend itself after the fashion of the old life? Shall the spiritual live as the carnal? How can you that were the servants of sin, but have been made free by precious blood, go back to your old slavery?" (Spurgeon)
- Time to stop acting as mere men in carnal activities
- We have the weapon to do this.
- Eph. 6:11-13 **"¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. "**
- Reckon, or account, yourself dead to sin.
- Read Oswald Chambers, April 10th.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

- Again, we have the weapons to defeat the sinful nature.
- We have only to put those weapons to use.
- Do this by putting on Christ daily, taking every thought captive.
- Rom. 12:2 **"*2* And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."**
- We must purpose in our hearts to fully submit to God
- **"The old man is dead, and there is new life -- free from sin — in Jesus. Yet, many Christians never experience this freedom. Because of unbelief, self-reliance, or ignorance, many Christians never live in the freedom Jesus paid for on the cross."** Guzik
- Only He can truly help us stay in His will.
- How many of us has tried to drop a bad habit only to fail again and again?
- Because we have failed to acknowledge this:
- 1 Cor. 6:19 **"*19* Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"**
- We continue to believe that we are our own and can captain our own ship.
- Proverbs 3:5-6 **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall **Ⓢ**direct your paths."**

YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN, YOU WERE BROUGHT WITH A PRICE.

From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! ***16*** Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?

- We are saved by grace and freed from sin.
- That is not a free ticket to continue in sin
- Unintended sin is quickly forgiven by God.
- Continual intentional sin is a sign of the unsaved.
- You have become a slave to that activity that God hates
- 2 Peter 2"19-20 **"..... for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into **Ⓢ**bondage. *20* For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. "**
- Two dogs and one bone. Which dog will eat?

- That sin will lead to death and separation from God
- You have a choice. Free will.
- Repent and obey. Take the road to righteousness and life
- "As long as we try to serve two ends, ourselves and God, there is perplexity. The attitude must be one of complete reliance on God. When once we get there, there is nothing easier than living the saintly life; difficulty comes in when we want to usurp the authority of the Holy Spirit for our own ends" Chambers

¹⁷But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were ¹⁶delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as slaves of* righteousness ²⁰for holiness.

- Paul is saying if you received the gospel, you should be acting like a saved individual.
- You have been set free from sin
- Weakness of your flesh
- Matt. 26:41 "⁴¹ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."
- But the influence of the flesh is powerful
- The flesh and the spirit are constantly at war.
- The flesh must be brought into submission daily. How?
- 2 Timothy 1:13-14 "¹³ Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us."
- Bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ
- John 8:31-32 "³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
- "Every saint can have his body under absolute control for God. God has made us to have government over all the temple of the Holy Spirit, over imaginations and affections. We are responsible for these, and we must never give way to inordinate affections." Chambers

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death.

- Our human nature allowed us to live freely in the flesh

- The laws of righteousness did not govern our lives.
- As Christians, the things of the flesh produces no fruit and our conscience is seared by those acts.
- John 8:34 *"³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."*

²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit ^ato holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the ^bgift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- We were all destined for death and eternal separation from God
- God in His infinite wisdom had a plan from the foundation of the world
- As Abraham said, *"My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering."*
- To save us from sin and death, God sent His only begotten Son
- Eph. 2:4-7 *"⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."*
- So, if anyone is still chained to something that is not pleasing to God, it is time to let Him break that chain and set you free.
- He can and He will.

Closing

- Remember, we have the weapons to defeat sin, use them.
 1. Put on Christ daily (the armor of God)
 2. Live the free life given you by Christ
 3. Reckon yourself dead to sin
 4. Seek first the kingdom of God.