

Romans 6 – 3 January 2021

“How To Live In Complete Freedom”

Introduction

*Paul wrote to the Roman church the greatest document on salvation that there is

*Chap 1-2 - slavery to sin & need of righteousness

*Chap 3-4 - how righteousness is given

*Chap 5 – The benefits of our great salvation & the choice to either remain in Adam’s old nature or be granted a new nature and life in Christ

*In chap 6-8 – Paul will talk about growing in sanctification and understanding of this new life!

**If you haven’t accepted Christ’s gift of new life by the beginning of chap 6, you won’t understand many of the things we’re about to read*

Chapter 6 answers the question: **How do we live in this new life based on total freedom?**

(Chap 6 breaks this into 2 sub-questions)

Chap 5 ends w/ that glorious vs 20 (read it)

Read Vs 1

1. **1st Question: How do we live in this new life based on total freedom...w/ respect to being given God's grace? (Vs 1-14)**
2. *We're going to get 3 answers to this question*
3. How do we live in this grace?
4. What should we think of sin now?

Read Vs 2

1. *1st Answer - Grace is the means to separate (death) us from sin*
2. Grace has given us a new life, new chance
3. We don't live by our old nature; we live be a new nature.

Read Vs 3

1. When we accept Christ's work, we gain new life, but He also severs our chains to the old sin.
2. All sin still exists, but we're not enslaved to it.

Read Vs 4

1. With the old nature severed, we can live wholly in the new nature by His Spirit
2. God doesn't want a schizophrenic life for you!

Read Vs 5

1. Our death and resurrection are inseparable
2. Water baptism by emersion meets the intent of the picture to show death, burial and resurrection!

Read Vs 6

1. You can know for sure that our old nature was put to death so we're no longer enslaved to sin
2. This is what happens to us when we accept it.
 - a. We believe that God gave us a new nature
 - b. We ALSO believe God severed the power of our flesh over us!

Read Vs 7

1. If you consider yourself dead, you've been ripped away from sin's power! Into Freedom!

Read Vs 8

1. *2nd Answer - Grace is the means to separate us to God*
2. If we believe we died w/ Christ we're also believing that we shall live with Him
 - a. Just as Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection are inseparable, both happened in us
 - i. Sin's enslavement in us has been toppled
 - ii. Eternal life is now within us

Read Vs 9

1. As in Christ, not only did sin lose control, but it's result, death, has no more control either.
2. This is why we can say, we have "eternal" life.

Read Vs 10

1. Christ's new life is eternal at the power of God.
2. God, who is eternal, will always stand in agreement that Jesus Christ paid my debt.
 - a. B/c God ever lives, that can't change!

Read Vs 11

1. **3rd Answer - Grace allows us to make our experiences align w/ our true position**
2. We need to account, consider it to be so w/i us!
3. You say, I don't 'feel' like I'm severed from sin.
 - a. Reckon it, believe it, then live that way!
 - b. Don't live by your feelings!
 - c. The Just shall live by...faith!
 - d. Play Ken Graves "Feelings Rant" Video

Read Vs 12

1. Don't let your lusts (feelings) take control from your body of sin. Let the Spirit control you!
2. You have a choice whom you will obey!
3. Experience a reality that aligns w/ who God has made you into.

Read Vs 13

1. Choose to use your body/mind for God's glory
2. Reckon, let, yield...look at these verbs!

Read Vs 14

1. Sin cannot regain dominion over you b/c you have been freed from the Law & now live in grace.
2. Sin cannot reign in you, unless you let it.

Read Vs 15

1. **2nd Question: How do we live in this new life based on total freedom...w/ respect to God's perfect standard, the Law? (Vs 15-23)**
2. How do we live with no rules to govern us?
3. *We're going to get 2 answers to this question*

Read Vs 16

1. *1st Answer – You are serving “a” law...choose wisely*
2. What you choose to obey is the law you’re following
3. What you choose to do, does have an ending

Read Vs 17-18

1. Thank God for the opportunity to change to serve what is right
2. Serving our great God comes “from the heart”
 - a. We received a NEW heart at conversion!
 - b. Read Jer 31:31-33

Read Vs 19

1. B/c of the flesh, people yield to sin which leads to more sin
2. But now we can choose to yield ourselves to God and let the righteousness grow within us.

Read Vs 20-21

1. **2nd Answer – What you choose to serve has consequences or benefits**
2. What good/benefit was the old nature?
 - a. Serving the Law just led to condemnation
 - b. It led to bragging, striving & fighting

Read Vs 22-23

1. We will serve someone, why not serve God that has great benefits?
2. Wages are earned and lead to death
 - a. But God's gift of grace leads to life eternal!
3. There is freedom from the bondage of sin
 - a. Read John 8:31-32
 - b. Continue to grow in grace and be set free into everlasting life!

Conclusion

So a new life and new nature by God's gift of grace and not by the Law.

1. How do we live in this new life based on total freedom w/ respect to God's grace?

a. Grace is the means to separate us from sin and death

i. *So don't live in sin*

b. Grace is the means to separate us to God

i. *B/c God is eternal, our new life is eternal*

c. Grace allows us to make our experiences align w/ our true position

i. *Allow the truth of your position to infiltrate your experiences day to day*

2. How do we live in this new life based on total freedom w/ respect to God's Law?

a. You are serving "a" law...choose wisely

i. *What you're obeying IS your master*

b. What you choose to serve has consequences or benefits

i. *What has sin ever done for you? Serve God!*