

The Life and Letters of Paul

Romans 6

1. The previous chapter ends with speaking on the reign that sin had on God's creation and sin would have it way but only till death (making it temporary) but grace would abound (To be plentiful, numerous, or overflowing) because it is eternal. So, chapter 6 opens with "Where do we go from here?"

Romans 5:21/ Romans 6:1/ Galatians 5:1-stay free/ John 8:11- Go and sin no more.

2. Paul responds with a rhetorical answer (almost as a setup)" Of Course Not" If we are truly believers that we are also to believe that are old nature has passed and we are made new therefore resulting in new lives.

Romans 6:2-4/ 2 Corinthians 5:17- old passed/ John 13:35- they will know you are mine

3. Many of us are still holding on to a former life, pattern or habit, because we are not fully convinced that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead also has authority over sin (some are still trying to overcome sin under self-power)

Romans 6:5-11/ Job 42:2- fully convinced/ Romans 1:24- we give power to the Authority in our lives, what has Authority in your life?

4. Paul here states here that it is not an excuse of trying to stop sinning, but an option to stop "Letting" Yes, the work of the cross has power overcome sin but we also must not let sin have position in our lives or bodies. We are made to glorify God not indulge in desire.

Romans 6:12-14/ Ephesians 4:27- Don't Give or let/ 1 Corinthians 10:31- Whatever you do/ Isaiah 43:7- created for Glory

5. We make choices every day, But Paul takes his explanation a little further, we are slave to what we choose to obey, if you were honest with yourselves what are you enslaved to that does not bring God glory (alone time moment).

Romans 6:15-17/ Luke 11:22-23- if the power over you isn't Christ it is ANTI

6. What are the characteristics of being a slave to sin and a slave to righteousness and how does it take effect in your personal life, as Paul as made the statement “NOW you are free”

Romans 6:18/ Hebrews 11:1- Now Freedom requires Now faith/ Ephesians 5:8- live as light.

7. Paul uses a term that could even now strike a chord SLAVES, make note the term is used to draw your attention of severity but notice the contrast one slave allowed (LET) authority; to gain freedom we must now yield over to righteous living.

Romans 6:19/Luke 15:13- Let, allowed sin/ Luke 15:19- chooses to be servant (prodigal)

8. Paul makes a statement here that even though you did not know of your unrighteous living at one point in life, the fruit of that living can still be present.

Romans 6:20-21(MSG)/ Galatians 6:7-8- reap and sow

9. Now that you are free, there should be evidence of this in your life.

Romans 6:22/ Acts 4:13- recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

10. We live in a culture where we believe everything should be fair, if this were the case and there was no grace we would all be doomed.

Romans 6:23/ Ephesians 2:8-9-it is a gift not a reward.