

Romans

Bible Class 5
Freed From Sin
Romans 6

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1. Blessings of justification by faith Rom 5:1-11
2. Contrasting and comparing Adam with Christ Rom 5:12-21

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Introduction

- At the end of chapter 5, Paul wrote that although there was increased sin confirmed by the Law of Moses, grace, through Jesus, was greater bringing righteousness, forgiveness of sins and eternal life
- Therefore, some might assert it does not matter how much we sin because grace will always cover us

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Introduction

- If we live under grace, is there any point in trying to obey God's law?
- In Romans 6, Paul makes clear that grace is not a license for us to continue sinning after being forgiven of our sins
- In baptism, we have died to sin, are freed from it and now live for God
- We must learn to obey as slaves of righteousness so we may have eternal life

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1. We are dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus Rom 6:1-14
2. We should serve God as slaves of righteousness Rom 6:15-23

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Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

- Earlier in Romans, Paul had raised the objections of some that grace actually encourages us to sin
- In other words, grace is an excuse for us indulging in sin
- If there is always more grace to forgive sin, no matter how much sin is committed, then why not just indulge in sin with impunity, have no concern for fighting against it or obeying what is right?

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- We want to be forgiven of sins while still being allowed to indulge in sin
- Paul answers emphatically that we cannot continue in sin because we have died to sin
- Once we were dead in sin, but now we have died to sin
- We no longer have a relationship with sin having become children of God, Christians

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Rom 3:8 And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), "Let us do evil that good may come"? Their condemnation is just.

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Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 5:20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
Rom 5:21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?
Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

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We have died to sin

1. Eph 2:1-3
2. Col 3:1-3

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We die to sin, are buried with Him and raised to live for Jesus in baptism

- Many falsely teach that baptism is merely a symbolic act that has nothing to do with a person's salvation
- They teach we are saved before baptism by the sinner's prayer where we ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins
- Therefore, they teach baptism simply shows that we are already saved before and without baptism

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- Contrary to this, we read in baptism, by the grace of God, we are forgiven of all past sins, freed from the slavery of sin
- This is made possible through Jesus' death, burial and resurrection
- Baptism is the act of faith that God has chosen where He unites us with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection

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- When we believe in Jesus enough to repent (change our minds) of our sins, confess Him as the Son of God and are baptized (immersed in water), we die (are separated from) to sin, are buried with Jesus (leaving behind the crucified old sinful self) and are raised (resurrected) to walk in newness of life

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- God, by Jesus, forgives us of our sins and sets us free from slavery to sin
- At baptism, a sinner dies and a saint is raised to a new life, to serve as a slave of righteousness

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We are not saved before we are baptized

- It is in baptism that we die to sin, are buried and raised united with Christ to live a new life no longer enslaved to sin but to righteousness
- If salvation comes before baptism as many teach, then we would be burying those who are already alive which makes no sense

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In baptism we die to sin, are buried and raised to a new life, forgiven freed from sin

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Rom 6:5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

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We are baptized into Christ Into His death by which we are forgiven and freed from sin

1. Gal 3:26-27
2. Rom 6:3
3. Mat 26:28, 32
4. Eph 1:7
5. Joh 19:34
6. Rev 1:5
7. Rom 3:23-24
8. Act 2:38
9. Act 22:16
10. 1Pe 2:23
11. 1Pe 3:18

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1. Col 2:11-13
2. Gal 2:20, 5:24
3. Eph 4:22-24

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Baptism is immersion not sprinkling or pouring

A. Nouns.

1. baptisma (G908), "baptism," consisting of the processes of immersion, submersion and emergence (from bapto, "to dip"),

Vine's Complete Expository dictionary of New Testament Words

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Baptism is immersion not sprinkling or pouring

1. Joh 3:23
2. Act 8:36-39

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Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

Rom 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Rom 6:9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

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Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

Rom 6:10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Rom 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

1. Php 3:7-14

2. 1Pe 4:1-6

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Do not let sin reign in your mortal body

- Paul warns Christians that we are not to let sin reign in our mortal body
- We have a choice either we can let sin dominate our thinking or we can let the Word of God dominate our thinking
- Since we have been freed from sin, we must choose to think and act differently according to righteousness

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Do not let sin reign in your mortal body

- All thinking either good or evil originates from our hearts, the seat of our intellect, desires and intentions
- Therefore, whatever controls our hearts controls our lives either for sin or righteousness
- Our God-given fleshly appetites must be under God's control, not become our masters leading us to practice sin

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Do not let sin reign in your mortal body

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

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Do not let sin reign in your mortal body

1. Gen 1:26-27
2. Ecc 12:7
3. Joh 1:14
4. Gen 4:5-7
5. Mar 7:20-23
6. Jas 1:13-15
7. 1Jn 2:15-17
8. Luk 6:45
9. Pro 4:23, 23:6-8
10. Php 4:8
11. Rom 8:5-10

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Present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead

- Our physical body is an instrument of our spirit that can be used either for sin or for righteousness
- We must allow the gospel to rule our spirit so that we will present the members of our body for righteousness to glorify God, not for sin
- We must serve as those alive from the dead

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Present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead

Rom 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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Present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead

1. Rom 12:1-2
2. 1Co 6:12-20
3. Col 3:5-17

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We are not under law but under grace

- Paul is not saying we are under grace only and not under law at all, else it would be impossible for us to sin
- He is denying the lesser to emphasize the greater
- He is saying we are not only under law but especially under grace

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We are not under law but under grace

- We are under law, law of faith, but with a greater emphasis on grace
- Under grace, we seek to obey God's law but have an escape from sin through Jesus' blood

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We are not under law but under grace

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

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We are not under law but under grace

1. Joh 6:27-29
2. Rom 3:27-28
3. 1Co 9:21
4. Jas 1:22-25
5. 1Jn 1:5-2:2

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We are slaves of the one we serve

- Is grace, unmerited favor, a license for us to live in sin, even after being freed from it in baptism?
- No, because we are slaves to the one to whom we present ourselves for obedience either to sin or to righteousness
- Whoever we serve is our master
- Christians can be enslaved to sin and be lost after once being saved, freed from sin

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We are slaves of the one we serve

Rom 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

Rom 6:16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

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We are slaves of the one we serve

1. Jud 1:3-4
2. Joh 8:31-36
3. 2Pe 2:19-22
4. 1Jn 3:1-11

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Thanks to God in baptism we became slaves of righteousness

- In baptism, united with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, we changed masters, were freed from sin, raised to a new life to live for God as our loving master
- This happened when the Romans, and we, obeyed from the heart the form (mold) of teaching, becoming conformed to Jesus' death (dying to sin) burial (burying the old sinful self) and resurrection (raised to live a new life as slaves of God)

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Thanks to God in baptism we became slaves of righteousness

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,
Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

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1. 1Co 7:22-23
2. Rom 8:1-2
3. Rom 6:3-4
4. Act 8:20-24

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Present your members as slaves to righteousness resulting in sanctification

- There is no positive lasting benefit for the Christian or anyone to live a life of sin
- Therefore, we are to present the members of our body as slaves of righteousness so we may be sanctified, set apart to serve and glorify God
- Our sanctification begins in baptism and continues throughout our Christian life of service to God as slaves of righteousness

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Present your members as slaves to righteousness resulting in sanctification

Rom 6:19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.
Rom 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

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Present your members as slaves to righteousness resulting in sanctification

Rom 6:21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.

Rom 6:22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

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Present your members as slaves to righteousness resulting in sanctification

1. 1Co 6:9-11
2. Eph 5:25-27
3. 1Th 4:1-12

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The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life

- The way we choose to live results in two different consequences
- The wages of sin is spiritual death, separation from God, now and throughout eternity
- Although we live as slaves of righteousness, God's free gracious gift is eternal life, union with Him now and for eternity through Jesus

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The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life

- Our obedience to God shows our love for and trust in our gracious heavenly Father who forgives us of sins and gives us eternal life, neither of which we have earned or deserve by our own merit, sinless obedience

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The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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2. 1Jn 5:3
3. Heb 11:6
4. Luk 17:10
5. Mat 25:31-46
6. Rev 12:9-11

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