

Studies In Romans

(Romans 6:14-23)

1. What prevents sin from having dominion over us?

Grace: *"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace"* (Romans 6:14).

- Through Christ, we can be free from sin (Luke 4:18, John 8:31-36, Romans 8:2, and Titus 2:11-14).
- Those under the Law of Moses needed freed from it (Galatians 3:13 and Galatians 4:1-5).
- The Law of Moses did not bring grace (John 1:17; cf. Acts 13:38-39).

2. Since we are under grace, can we sin and be okay?

No: *"What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid"* (Romans 6:15).

- We addressed this same point at the beginning of the chapter (Romans 6:1-2).
- Grace is not a license for sin (I Corinthians 15:34, II Corinthians 7:1, and Galatians 2:17-18).

3. Can one proclaim to be a servant of God while committing sin?

No: *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness"* (Romans 6:16)?

- Sin = you're not God's servant (I John 3:8-10). *We'll talk later of sin unto death.
- When you are righteous you are showing whom you've been born of (I John 2:29).
- What we do reveals whom we serve (John 13:34-35 and I John 2:3-6; cf. Matthew 7:20).

4. Where does obedience to God begin?

The heart: *"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you"* (Romans 6:17).

- You have to love the reminder here for thanks to God for salvation (Psalms 136:2, I Corinthians 15:57, and Colossians 3:15).
- You can go from being a servant of sin to being a servant of Christ (I Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 2:1-10, and I Peter 4:1-5).
- You obey from the heart (Ezekiel 3:10, Matthew 22:37, Luke 8:15, and Romans 10:8).
- There are two types [patterns; forms (II Timothy 1:13)] of doctrine one can obey:
 - Error that damns (Jeremiah 23:32, II Timothy 2:14-18, and Hebrews 13:9).
 - Truth that saves (Colossians 1:5-6, James 1:18-21, and I Peter 1:22-25).

5. What does one become free from by becoming servants of righteousness?

Sin: *“Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Romans 6:18).*

- Freedom from sin (**Psalms 119:45** and **Galatians 5:1**).
- A change in whom you serve (**I Corinthians 7:21-22**).
- The key is – CHANGE (**Acts 26:18-20** and **Ephesians 5:6-11**).

6. In speaking after the manner of men, what did Paul try to get the Roman Christians to understand?

That being the servants of sin did nothing good for them: *“(19) I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. (20) For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. (21) What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death” (Romans 6:19-21).*

- Paul, at times, tried to communicate in a carnal way (**Romans 3:5**, **I Corinthians 15:32**, **II Corinthians 11:23**, and **Galatians 3:15**, etc.).
- His message, what good did sin do for you (**Psalms 9:17**, **Proverbs 1:24-31**, **Jeremiah 17:10**, **Romans 7:5**, **Galatians 6:7-8**, and **James 1:13-16**)?

7. What fruit can be gained from being servants to God?

Everlasting life: *“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life” (Romans 6:22).*

- But now you’re working for good (**Colossians 1:10**) and you can look forward to everlasting life (**John 5:28-29**, **John 12:25**, **I Timothy 6:12**, **I John 2:25**, and **Jude 21**).

8. What is the gift of God?

Eternal life: *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).*

- The wages of sin is death (**Ezekiel 18:4**, **Ezekiel 18:20**, and **Revelation 21:8**).
- Eternal life is not earned (**Romans 5:21** and **I John 5:11-12**).
- Though we cannot earn Heaven, we must obtain the gift (**Matthew 7:21-27**, **Matthew 11:28-30**, **John 14:6**, **John 14:23**, **Acts 2:37-41**, and **II Thessalonians 2:10**).
- We must also keep it after we’ve obtained it (**John 15:10**, **I John 5:2-3**, and **Jude 21**).
- This gift can be given up or lost (**Luke 8:13**, **I Corinthians 9:24-27**, **I Corinthians 10:12**, **Galatians 1:6-9**, **Galatians 5:4**, **Galatians 5:7-9**, **Hebrews 3:12-13**, **Hebrews 6:4-6**, **Hebrews 10:26-31**; **38**, **II Peter 2:20-22**, **Revelation 2:1-7**, and **Revelation 22:18-19**).