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# CHAPTER 6

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## Dead to Sin, A Slave to Righteousness



# ROMANS 6:1–23 (NKJV)

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<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

<sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

<sup>4</sup> 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.



<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been freed from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

<sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

<sup>10</sup> For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.



<sup>11</sup> Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!



<sup>16</sup> 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?

<sup>17</sup> But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

<sup>18</sup> And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

<sup>19</sup> 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 for holiness.





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.

22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

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



# ROMANS 6:1 – 2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

## I. God's Grace is Exceedingly Abundant

- Grace is not a license to sin.
- Grace [getting good when bad is earned] abounds more in that grace is more powerful than sin; grace overcomes sin.
- <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>36</sup>Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” John 8:34, 36



## ROMANS 6:3 – 4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> 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.

### II. Walking in Newness of Life

- Baptism is symbolic, going down under the water represents being buried and rising represents being brought back to a new life in Christ Jesus.
- Baptized into one body (*ref. 1 Corinthians 12:13*)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. *2 Cor. 5:17*



# ROMANS 6:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> 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.

## III. Freed from Sin

- I have been crucified with Christ... *cf Galatians 2:20*
- In the ESV, the phrase is "...that the body of sin might be brought to nothing..." The Greek (2673) is kat-arg-eh'-o, which translates to be (render) entirely idle (useless).
- So, the body is not destroyed, it is not annihilated, but it is instead, as is translated, rendered useless.
- *1 Corinthians 6: 19-20, 7:23* – You were bought with a price<sub>12</sub>



## ROMANS 6:12 – 13 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. <sup>13</sup> 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.

### IV. Slaves to Righteousness

- Matthew 6:24 – No man can serve two masters
- *You are not a body with a spirit, you are a spirit with a body”.*
- Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Thessalonians 5:23*



# ROMANS 6:16, 22 (NKJV)

**<sup>16</sup> 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?**

**<sup>22</sup> But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.**

## **IV. Slaves to Righteousness**

- They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. *2 Peter 2:19*



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