

Romans 6:14-23

14. "For **SIN shall NOT have DOMINION over you**, for you are not under law but under grace."

- **Read Psalm 19:9-14** (Verse 13) "Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous _____ ; let them not have _____ over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be _____ of great transgression."
- **Psalm 119:133** "Direct my steps by Your _____ , and let no iniquity (sin) have _____ dominion over me."

Definition: "DOMINION" - AUTHORITY; to have rule and reign, exercise power, CONTROL. SIN no longer has DOMINION or AUTHORITY over us. **We can still CHOOSE to SIN**, but NOTHING has the power to FORCE us to sin. **Satan, the "Father of Lies"** (see John 8:44) will LIE and **DECEIVE you into THINKING** that ADDICTIONS and COMPULSIVE BEHAVIORS from the past STILL HAVE CONTROL of you, but the TRUTH is that Christ has set you FREE!!! Jesus Christ gives us the **power** to LIVE A HOLY LIFE.

- **Philippians 4:13** "I can do _____ things through _____ who strengthens me."
- **John 8:32** "And you shall _____ the _____ , and the _____ shall make you _____ ."
- **I John 5:18** "We know that whoever is _____ of _____ **does not sin (constant, habitual sin)**; but he who has been born of God _____ (**GUARDS**) himself, and the _____ one does not _____ him."

15. "What then? **Shall we sin** because we are **not under LAW but under GRACE**? Certainly not!"

- **Galatians 5:18** "But if you are led by the _____ , you are _____ under the _____ ."
- **Philippians 3:17-19** "Brethren, join in following my _____ , and note those who so _____ , as you have us for a _____ . For many walk (live their lives), and now tell you even weeping, that they are the _____ of the _____ of Christ; whose end is destruction, whose _____ is their belly (appetites), and whose glory is in their shame - who set their mind on Earthly things."
- **Galatians 5:13** "For you, brethren, have been called to _____ ; only do not use liberty (your FREEDOM) as an _____ for the flesh (to SIN), but through _____ serve one another."

Definition: "Whose GOD is their belly" - "Belly" in this verse means **"physical, fleshly appetites."** People make many things their "gods" or idols" - IDOLATRY doesn't have to be worshiping STATUE, it can be putting ANYTHING ahead of God in our lives. Anything or ANY PERSON in our lives that takes away from **our devotion to God** can become an IDOL.

- **Exodus 20:2-3** "I am the _____ your _____ , who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have _____ other _____ before (besides, [*other than*]) Me."
- **I John 5:19-21** "We know we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might _____ _____ who is true, and we are in

_____ who is _____, in _____ Jesus Christ. This is the _____
_____ and eternal life. Little children, _____ yourselves from _____."

Definition: "Not UNDER LAW but UNDER GRACE" - We are saved by **GRACE through our FAITH** (see Ephesians 2:8-9), and NOT by our works or by keeping the Old Testament Law, but that does NOT give us LICENSE to SIN or to live any old way that we please. We **SHOULD** do good works and be **OBEDIENT** to what we know God wants us to do, but as Christians, we are NOT to put ourselves back under the Old Testament Law or **any other form of LEGALISM, RITUALS or keeping ORDINANCES**. No SYSTEM of LAWS or RULES can make a person HOLY. Being "UNDER GRACE" means we are to serve God out of the **motivation of LOVE and GRATITUDE**, and **by the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT!!**

- **I Corinthians 6:19-20** "Or do you not know that your _____ is the temple of the _____ who is _____ you, whom you have from God, and you are _____ your _____? For you were _____ at a _____; therefore _____ God in your _____ and in your _____, which are _____."
- **Galatians 5:1-4** "Stand fast therefore in the _____ by which Christ has made us _____, and do not be entangled _____ with a yoke of _____. Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised (trying to keep the Jewish law), Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to _____ the _____ law, and yet stumble (FAIL to keep it) in one point, he is _____ of _____."

16. "Do you not know that to whom **you present yourselves slave to OBEY**, you are that one's slave whom you obey, whether of sin to death, or of **OBEDIENCE** to righteousness?"

- **II Peter 2:19** "While they _____ them _____, they themselves are _____ of corruption (SIN & DEATH); for by whom (or WHAT) a person is _____, by him also he is brought into _____."
- **John 8:34** "Jesus answered them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits _____ is a _____ of _____.'"

Definition: "Present yourselves SLAVES to OBEY" - How did we get ADDICTED to something in the first place? **We PRESENTED OURSELVES**, or **EXPOSED** our flesh (our physical body) to that thing, whether it was ALCOHOL, NICOTINE, DRUGS, certain SEXUAL BEHAVIORS, PORNOGRAPHY, OVER-EATING, etc. until a HABIT was DEVELOPED. After enough times of EXPOSURE, our flesh (our physical body) was TRAINED to WANT and even **DEMAND those things**. The OPPOSITE is also true: TRAIN YOURSELF to do the right things, THINGS OF GOD, and eventually the fleshly things which kept you in BONDAGE will subside and no longer be able to hold you.

- **Romans 6:22** "But _____ **HAVING** _____ **SET** _____ from _____, and **HAVING** _____ slaves of God, you have your fruit to _____, and the end, everlasting life."
- **Romans 8:2** "For the _____ of the spirit of _____ in _____ has made me _____ from the law of _____ and death."

17-18. "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. And **having BEEN SET FREE** from SIN, YOU became slaves of RIGHTEOUSNESS."

- **Romans 16:26** "But now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the _____ of the everlasting God, for _____ to the faith - to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen."

- **I Peter 1:22** "Since you have purified your souls in _____ the _____ through the _____ in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart."
- **Romans 10:16** "But they have not all _____ the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has _____ our report?'"
- **Galatians 3:1** "O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not _____ the _____, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?"

Definition: "HAVING BEEN SET FREE from SIN" - Romans 6:11 says we are to RECKON (To accept as certain; place reliance on, even when you don't **SEE the evidence**) that we are **SET FREE from sin. YOU MUST BELIEVE** what the word of God tells you about **WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST**. If Satan keeps telling you that you are NOT free, but still in bondage to old habits (that YOU CAN'T HELP YOURSELF, you **can't stop** committing a particular sin, etc.), **you have a CHOICE of WHO YOU WILL BELIEVE - GOD or SATAN!!** Romans 6:18 & 22 both state that we **HAVE BEEN SET FREE (past tense!)** - it's already a **DONE DEAL!!** Now, just BELIEVE it, and it will BEGIN TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

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19. "I speak in human terms because of the **weakness of your FLESH**. For just as you presented **your members as slaves of UNCLEANNES**, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for **HOLINESS**."

- **Matthew 26:41** "Watch and pray, lest you enter into _____. The spirit indeed is willing, but the _____ is _____."
- **I Thessalonians 4:7** "For God did not call us to _____, but in _____."
- **I Corinthians 6:15-19** "Do you not know that your _____ are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of _____ and make them members of a harlot (prostitute, whore)? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is _____ to a harlot is one _____ with her? 'For the _____.' He says, 'Shall become _____ flesh.' But he who is _____ to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee (run away from) sexual immorality (UNCLEANNES). Every _____ that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own _____. Or do you not know that your _____ the _____ of the _____, who is in you, whom you have from _____, and you are not your own?"

Definition: "WEAKNESS of your FLESH" - "Flesh" in this context means BOTH our human BODY and our HUMAN WILL. First of all, our HUMAN BODIES are WEAK, and we fail to serve God perfectly because of that weakness. Secondly, our HUMAN WILLPOWER is not enough to keep us from sinning. **We cannot live the Christian life by GOOD INTENTIONS and human WILLPOWER, but only by the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT** as we **allow Him** to take CONTROL of our lives.

20-21. "For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **What FRUIT** did you have then in the things of which you are **now ASHAMED**? For the end of those things is **DEATH**."

- **Ephesians 5:11** "And have no fellowship with the _____ works of _____, but rather expose them."

- **Romans 7:5** "For when we were in the flesh, the _____ of _____ which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear _____ to _____."
- **I John 2:28** "And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and _____ be _____ before Him at His coming."

Definition: "FRUIT" - In this context, fruit means BENEFIT. In other words, WHAT GOOD did you get out of those things of which you are now ASHAMED? Were they BENEFICIAL to your life, or DESTRUCTIVE?

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."

- **Ephesians 4:23-24** "And be RENEWED in the spirit of your MIND; and that you put on the _____, which was _____ according to God, in _____ and true _____."
- **II Corinthians 7:1** "Therefore, having these promises, Beloved, let us _____ ourselves from all _____ of the _____ and _____, perfecting _____ in the fear of God."
- **Hebrews 12:10-11** "For indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He [*disciplines us*] for our profit (benefit), that we may be _____ of His _____. Now no chastening (correcting) seems to be joyful for the present, but grievous; nevertheless, _____ it yields the peaceable _____ of _____."

Definition: "The END, everlasting life" - Our FINAL DESTINATION is EVERLASTING LIFE in God's presence.

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

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by grace you have been saved through _____, and that not of yourselves, it is the _____ of God; _____ of _____, lest anyone should boast."