

- Week 9 -

Romans 6

Paul opens this section with the question, "What shall we say then?" This is the second time he has used this rhetorical question. You can more or less divide his arguments in this core section of the book if you follow this question (4:1, 6:1, 7:7, 8:31, 9:14, 9:30)

Let's take a look at the entirety of the text.

Without verse numbers or columns or footnotes.

THE QUESTION OF SIN

What shall we say then?

Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means!

How can we who died to sin still live in it?

THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,

in order that,

just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,

we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him

in order that

the body of sin might be brought to nothing,
so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

For one who has died has been set free from sin.

THE LOCATIONAL LIFE OF THOSE IN CHRIST

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God.

Order is
backward
Resurrection

Death

Then
Crucifixion

Believe
Receive

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

CHOOSE

Back to DOMINION

1. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.
2. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

THE PRACTICAL LIFE OF THOSE IN CHRIST

What then?

Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God,

that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

A matter of choice

I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. *Roman Clients*

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

IRONY

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed?

For the end of those things is death.

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

SLAVE

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

OBEEDIENCE
From the heart