

Salvation and Sin (Part 2) Romans 6:15-23 #9 in a series on Romans Pastor Lyle L. Wahl February 6, 2022

Theme: Grace alone leads to holiness as well as eternal life.

Isn't grace without the Law disastrous?

- 1. Question: "Can't we keep on sinning because we are not under the Law but under grace?" (15)
- 2. The Answer: "Far from it!" (15)

Setting things straight.

- 1. Every person serves someone or something. (16-18, 20, 22)
- 2. Freedom in Christ is freedom from sin to obeying God. (16-23)
- 3. The dramatic contrast of the results of your choice. (16, 19-23)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. In Romans 6:15 Paul picks up an always present view or question about sin—since we are now living under grace and not under the Law, do we need the Law to *fence us in* to holy living? As you reflect on Paul's clear answer that grace does not excuse sin and we do not need the Law, look carefully at your attitude toward sin. Are you concerned about any and all sinful thoughts and actions? If not, why not?

Tuesday. Grace alone frees and leads us to holiness and eternal life. In verse 17 Paul reminds us that having believed we are to be obedient from the core of our being to God's truth in the Bible. What is the difference between obeying God's truth and legalism? Are there any truths of God you know which you are not obeying from your heart? If so, what are you going to do about that?

Wednesday. One question frequently asked from this section is "Whose slave are you?" Have you come to terms with the truth that God created you to know and *serve* Him, and that you will always serve someone or something? Do you understand, as Paul tells us, that you have only two choices: to serve God or serve sin (verse 16).

Thursday. Read verses 21-23. What evidence of sanctification, of being like Christ, can you see in your life? Look at Galatians 5:22-23 for some things every believer ought to see present and growing in his or her life.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to continue in this section on sanctification, looking at chapter 7. Read and think through the chapter in preparation for our time together.