

## **ROMANS 6:1-23, FREE.**

I am suspending the memory verses until we can again meet together.

This is Palm Sunday, the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem offering himself as their king. In Exodus, this is the day that each household is to separate a male lamb from the flock. The lamb is to be without blemish. At evening of the fourth day, the perfect lamb is sacrificed, and his blood is put on the post around the door of the house. That night, the death angel will go through Egypt killing all the first born, of both man and beast. All who are within a dwelling whose door has the blood applied will be safe, for the death angel will see the blood and pass over that house (Exodus 12:1-14). This is a perfect picture of Christ as the perfect Lamb of God whose blood hides our sins.

In Chapter 5, Paul has just proved that once a person has been saved by the redeeming blood of Christ, he cannot lose his salvation.

**ROMANS 6:1-2** *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?* Some people think that since we can't lose our salvation, we are free to sin all we want to. Paul is saying that when we are born again, our previous life is dead. He is not saying we don't ever sin anymore; it is just that we do not make a habit of sinning and we regret the sins we do. The only sinless person who ever lived was Jesus the Christ man. A saved person does not live in sin as a way of life.

**ROMANS 6:3-5.** *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized in Jesus Christ were baptized into his*

***death? Therefore, we are buried with him in baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*** To be baptized, means to be totally immersed in water. It pictures the believer dying to the old life and being buried. Our old way of life is dead and buried. But just as Christ arose from the grave, we also arise to a new life because we were not only baptized with water, but we have been totally immersed in the Spirit of God who gives us new life. Notice that the power that raised us up is the “Glory of the Father” which is none other than Jesus Christ. Since we have been buried as an image of Christ, we should walk also in the likeness of Christ.

***ROMANS 6:6-10. Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*** Believers should consider their old sinful self was crucified in order to destroy sin. A dead body can't do anything, it can't sin, so we should consider that we no longer should desire to sin. Christ died once, he will never have to die again, so since we have died to sin once, we will never have to die again for our sins. Born twice, die once. An unsaved person dies

twice, at the great white throne judgment, the unsaved die the second death.

**ROMANS 6:11-13.** *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

Believers should take the attitude that sin has no power over them, therefore we need not yield to its temptations. We are alive to God; we are in constant communication with Him. Of course, we still sin because we are not perfect, but when we begin to think about trespassing, we need to immediately change that thought and think on heavenly things and things that Christ would want us to do. No longer use the members of your body as instruments to sin. When you start to use your tongue to sin, change and give God the praise, glory, and thanks. Do the same with all parts of your body, especially your brain, which contains your desires, hopes, emotions, and faith.

**ROMANS 6:14** and verses **20-23.** *For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

*For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto*

***holiness and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

What I get from this lesson is: Our salvation is secure; nothing can cancel it. Jesus, the perfect Passover lamb whose blood is the covering for our sins. We symbolically died with Christ. Our old life to sin is dead and we no longer have to yield to sin, but we are raised to live a new life that reflects God's glory, Jesus Christ. We should try to model our lives after Christ.

**NEXT WEEK: THE EASTER LESSON, LUKE 24:1-12.**

I will not put out a lesson next week, as the Pastor's sermon will also be the Easter lesson.

The lesson for April 19<sup>th</sup> will be in Romans 8, which is one of the most fantastic chapters in Romans.