

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Romans 6:15 - 7:13

Review of Romans 1:1-6:14

1. We are to proclaim the Gospel.
2. Sin separates all of us from God.
3. The only solution is salvation given by God's grace through faith.
4. We have victory in Jesus!

In Romans 6-8, we are reminded to live in victory over sin. Although we have these promises in Scripture, it seems many Christians live in defeat and discouragement. Why?

- Acceptance of sin within our lives and within the church and a failure to see it's horror
- Poor examples of devoted Christians around us
- Poor teaching of Scripture
- Weak discipline in our lives; i.e., failing to be in His Word and in a daily relationship with Him
- False security; i.e., thinking we are saved but not saved
- Temptation is all around us and sin seems inevitable

Lesson on Romans 6:15-7:13

1. A Christian is not free to sin. We are saved by grace but that is not a license to sin. (6:1,15)
 - a) No one can expect victory if they have a soft attitude toward sin.
2. We are all slaves to something. *To whom are you a slave?* (6:16-19)
 - a) We now have a new loyalty and cannot ignore our new master.
3. Salvation from God brings permanent, life changing results. (6:16-23)
 - a) Your mold has been set differently. You are made new and on a new path. (v.17)
 - b) Your heart is changed and is aimed toward Him. There should now be hunger for Him and His Word. (v.17)
 - c) The Christian life is a transformed life and is not characterized by a habitually, long term sinful lifestyle. (1 John 1:6, 2:4, 3:9-10; Col. 1:21-22; 2 Cor. 5:17)

- d) God is at work in you to sanctify you and make you more like Jesus.
(v. 22; 8:29)
- e) Jesus is the only way to salvation and life. True living is not in false religion or works of our flesh. (v.23)

4. A Christian has been given victory over sin by Christ. (6:15-7:6)

- a) Understand what you have given in Christ.
- b) Recognize your victory is in Jesus and yield to Him. Submit to Him. Present yourselves to Him [willing choice to obey] (v.19)
- c) See what your life is to be in Him. You are to have a new life producing fruit.
(7:4-5)
 - See your purpose and it is the way to fulfillment
- d) A Christian is saved to be enslaved to Him but it is the best path for your life.
- e) A Christian is not free to pursue their lusts. You are free from sin and it's condemnation. You are now a bonds slave to Him and His righteousness.
(vv.19-22)

BUT THERE IS A **WATCHOUT**. WE WANT TO SUBSTITUTE RELIGION FOR AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN LIVING.

5. You cannot live the Christian life in your flesh by substituting rules and religion for a relationship with Christ. You are now wed to Jesus! Learn about Him. Live for Him. (7:1-13)

- a) Seek God through His Word. Learn about His character. Love Him and obedience will follow.

My Response: (Not you working just harder. It is reliance on Him and relationship with Him)

- Pray for righteousness and a hatred for sin.
- Examine self. Repent, respond to Him.
- Rejoice in the victory you have in Jesus. Thank Him for newness of life.
- Live in subjection to Christ. Lay aside former sin. Pursue Him as Lord. Rely on Him.
- Let Jesus produce fruit through you.