

Guatemala mission Opportunity- Randy H

This adorable man is 94! He works at the market next to his house. Getting there is quite a chore even though it is very close - his legs are weak and the paths are quite uneven.

As you can see, he uses 2 canes to help him stand, walk, and maintain balance. We are hoping to obtain or purchase a 4 x 4 wheelchair to help him in his daily life. Although he cannot maintain this pace forever, he loves to work and uses the income to take care of his 88 year old wife!

Want to be a sweet part of this story? We need \$550 to help make his days a tiny bit easier with a high impact wheelchair. Or if you have one you are no longer using and can send with us - we will make that work too!



Meet Gary, a brother who shows up daily to encounter 104 stairs in the most incredible ways.

In order to take his brother to work each day, Gary first walks down 104 steps to pull the wheelchair to the top. Then he goes back down to carry his brother, who is unable to walk, up the 104 stairs that ascend the community mountain.

Gary then drives his brother to work, where he washes cars from his wheelchair. At the end of the day, Gary and his brother return to the top of the mountain, where they begin gently rolling down each of the 104 steps one at a time. Drop. Drop. Drop. Gary then climbs up to return home for rest before showing up the next day!

We are currently raising \$700 to build a lighter, custom made wheelchair to help. It won't solve all of the obstacles, but can offer a little relief in the daily efforts.



Logos Class

Book of Romans Ch 6

Class for Sep 13, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Before we start...

- Last Wednesday night, one of our frequent Zoomers and part of the RBI morning group did a presentation on some of the things he has learned in the RBI sessions.
- **Chuck Honess** talked about the whole process of observation, interpretation, and finally application to studying Bible passages. These are the 3 keys to making sure you understand the original intent, with all of its aspects, before you attempt to draw lessons or applications for today.
- Chuck did a great job, and I hope if you can make one of these sessions on Wednesday, you will come and encourage the RBI students in their growth and progress.

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

✓ *Aug 23, 2026*

Romans Ch 3



Aug 28, 2026

Ice Cream Social at the Steinke's

✓ *Aug 30, 2026.*

Romans Ch 4

✓ *Sept 6, 2026*

Romans Ch 5

✓ *Sept 13, 2026*

Romans Ch 6

• *Sept 20, 2026*

Romans Ch 7

• *Sept 27, 2026*

Romans Ch 8

Calendar note: Logos Class Christmas Party – Hold Dec 12

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

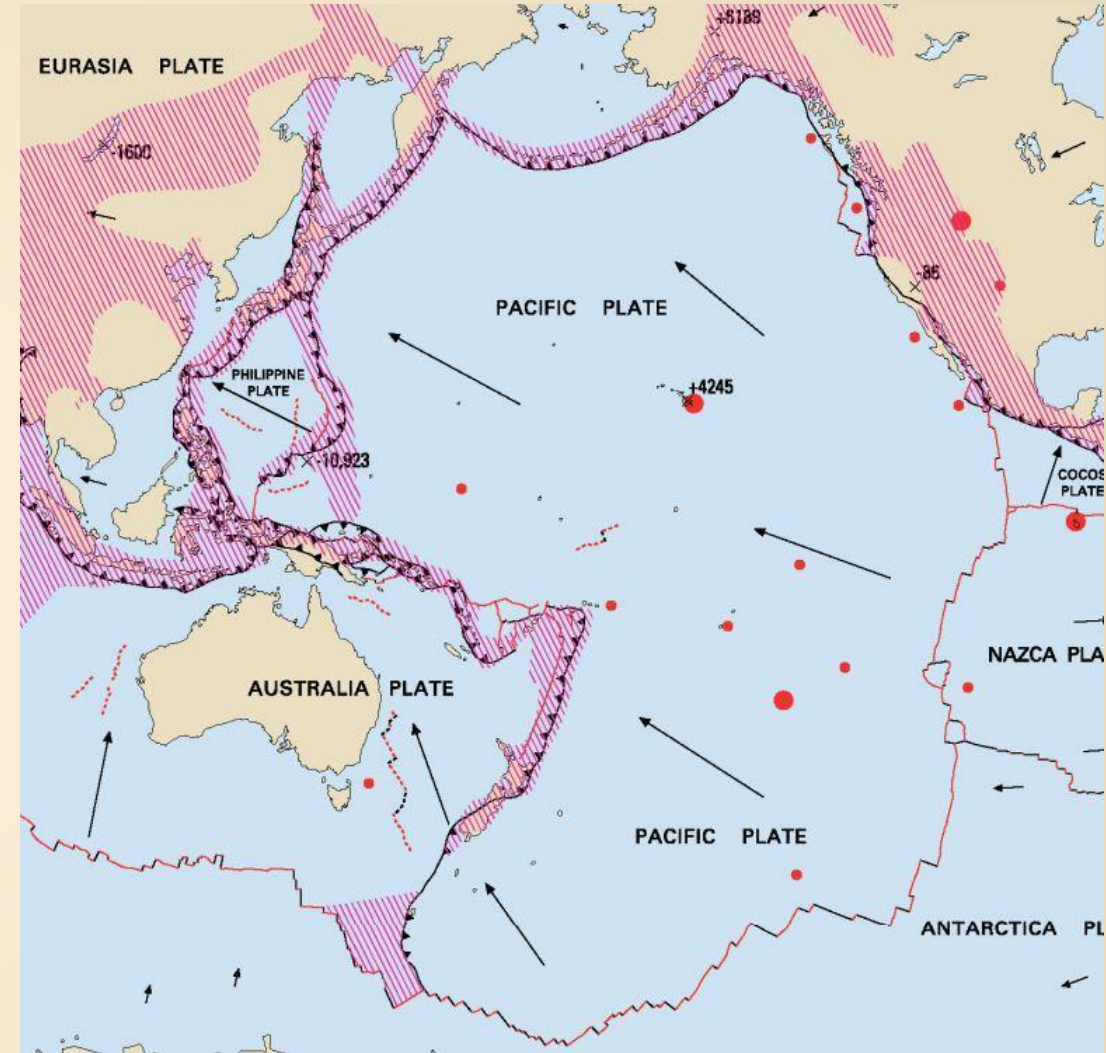
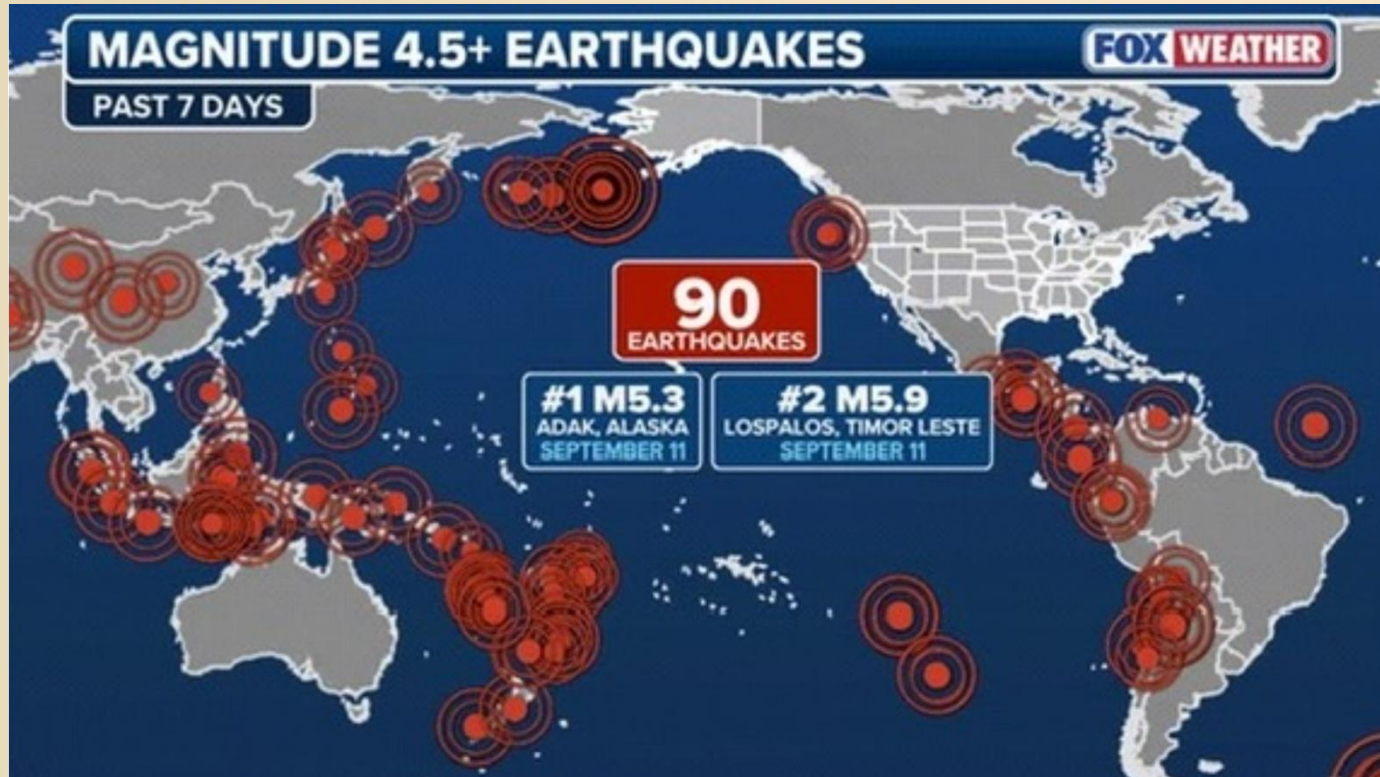
- *Ceasefire between Hamas / Israel/ US – Israel is still trying to get Hamas to disarm; not happening yet*
- *Major progress in clearing Hezbollah strongholds in Lebanon*
- *Heavy-duty sanctions on Iran and those who support them; back and forth with attacks*
- *Houthis, with Iranian backing, attacking Saudi Arabia*

US/Worldwide

- *The Russia-Ukraine war is going nowhere towards an end. Some diplomatic effort underway. Too soon to evaluate*
- *Cozy relations/arms between Russia, Turkey, Iran, and China troubling but prophetic*
- *Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease. Wars and rumors of wars. California fault lines are under the most pressure in hundreds of years*
- *Many signs of the Tribulation are appearing with more frequency*

Natural Disasters, Isolation of Israel, Antisemitism, Apostasy in the church, Peace in Israel to presage the Antichrist, Scoffers of Prophecy, and deniers of God. Time of Noah and time of Lot prophecies—continuation of the Aliyah to Israel. Isolation of Israel, and end-time coalitions forming. Christian Apostasy and Lack of Unity. One World Religion. Rise of Islam. Proof of the Bible's truth emerging to a skeptical world through science and archeology.

4.5+ Earthquakes...past 7 days



You can see that the earthquakes align perfectly With the Pacific Tectonic Plates...this is also known As the “Ring of Fire” for the volcanic activity so frequently shown along this rim

One more thing... Rosh HaShanah – Yom Teruah

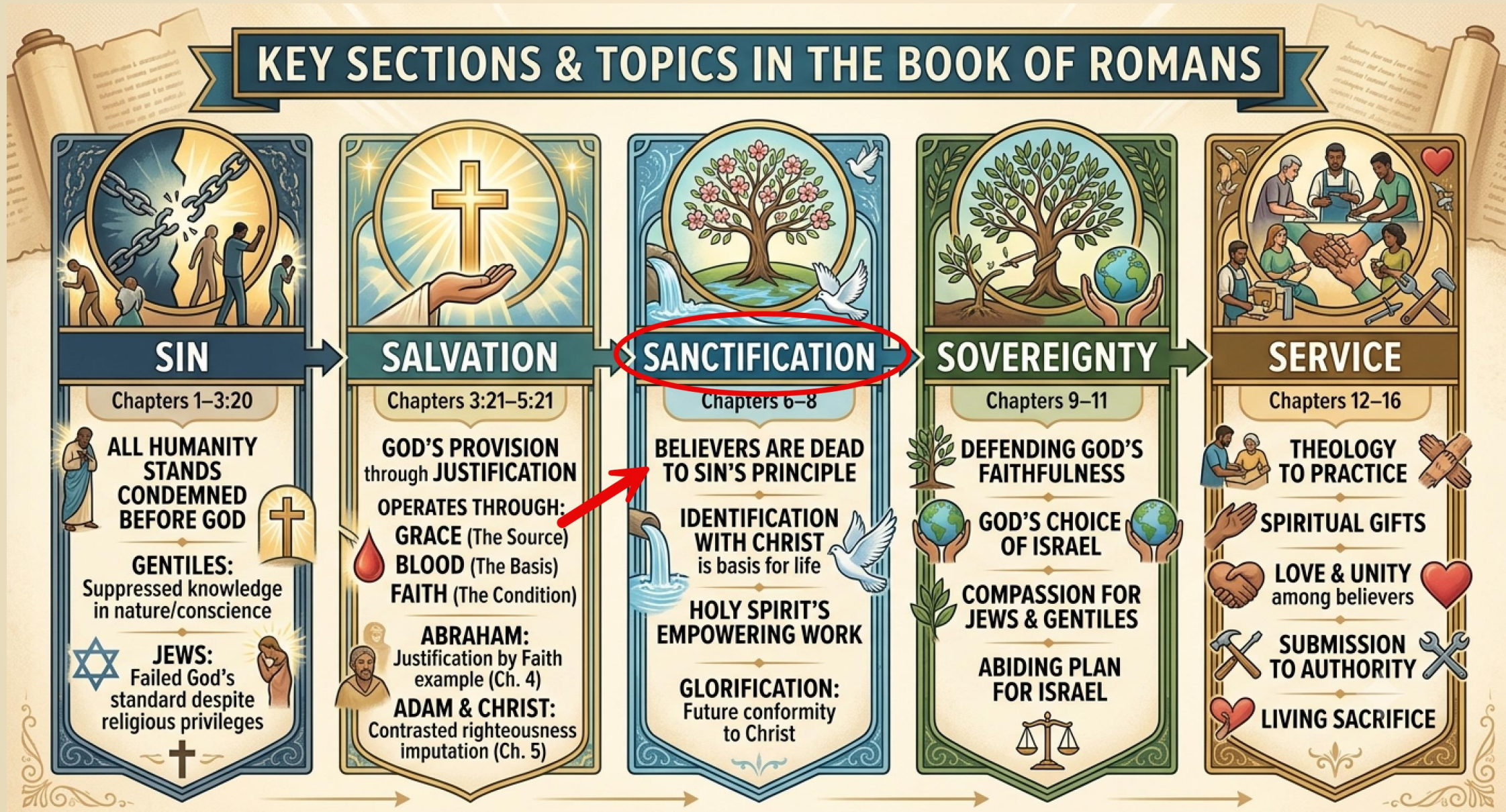


This is a great time to ask the Q that all Watchmen ask...***Is this the year? Are we ready?*** There is no better time to get ready because **He is coming back**, and many believe we are in the **Times of the Signs**

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. The festival of **Rosh Hashanah 5787 began at sundown on the eve of September 11 and ends after nightfall on September 13.** This event includes the Feast of Trumpets, which points to the Rapture, the day the trumpet sounds, and the Bride is caught up to meet Him in the air. In **1 Thess 4:16-18**, the Apostle Paul wrote,

*¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and **with the sound of the trumpet of God**. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

We begin the Sanctification section this week



What are the key takeaways from Romans Ch 5?

Peace with God: Believers are made right with God by faith and now have peace with Him.

Hope through suffering: Hardship can build endurance, character, and confident hope in God.

God's love shown: God proved His love by sending Christ to die for sinners.

Assurance of salvation: Because Christ has already reconciled believers to God, they can trust Him for final salvation. Resurrection confirms it.

Adam and Christ: Adam brought sin and death, but Christ brings grace, righteousness, and life. Adam is a “type” of Christ, but with vast differences.

Grace is greater: Christ's gift is stronger than Adam's sin and offers life, peace, and security to all who belong to Him.

Before we jump into Chapter 6...*a few thoughts*

Paul is going to make several points in these verses that are still part of our worship and practice today, but context is always important.

At this point, you have to understand that the church as we know it today did not exist. This was a battlefield between the pagan world and the Christian way.

Almost all were pagans who came into Christianity, and it was a decision made by adults to change their whole lifestyle and understanding of life.

Today, “Church” is part of our normal lifestyle, and joining a church, or getting baptized, can be viewed as just another step in a long process of being in a church and local community.

To them, it was different.

In this context, Paul gives them a way to understand what is happening to them as they come to faith. Let's begin Ch 6

Romans 6:1-11 *Dead to Sin...Alive to God*

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ We know that our old self^[a] 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. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free^[b] from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

Romans 6:1-4 How do we think about this?

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4 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.

 *Paul starts off in that same back and forth style and is shocked at the idea that we can just keep on sinning or even increase it because we know God both forgives and increases grace to cover the sin.*

Realism of understanding the symbols of baptism

 *Buried with him into death, raised to walk with Him in newness of Life*

Romans 6: 5-11

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Paul has shown us three great truths...

- *It is a terrible thing to trade on the grace and mercy of God in our continuation of sin. After so great a forgiveness, this would break the heart of God*
- *When you enter into the Christian way, you are committed to a different type of life. You have died to one life, and are reborn into another life, a life focused on God. Sometimes we do not expect that complete a change in a new convert, but Paul would have said it should make all the difference in the world.*
- *But more than these, when we become a new creature in Christ, it is not merely an ethical change. It is that we are now identified and part of Christ. We say we are “**in Christ**”. Think of it this way...**We cannot live our physical lives unless we are in the air, and the air is in us. In a similar way, we cannot live the life God has called us to...unless we are in Christ, and He is in us.***

Romans 6:12-14 Practicing the Faith

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Do not think of your body as separate from your mind, but discipline it to righteous acts, not unrighteous ones. This is a lifetime effort of will over desires and passions.

Romans 6:15-19

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace?

By no means!

*¹⁶ 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?*

¹⁷ 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,

*¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have **become slaves of righteousness**.*

*¹⁹ **I am speaking in human terms**, because of your natural limitations. 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.*

How would we summarize this thought?



When a believer is the servant of righteousness, he or she is free from the control of sin

In the first half of this chapter, Paul makes the point that when a person becomes a believer, they are in a new life, the old life is dead to sin, and the new life is focused on righteousness.

Paul illustrates this truth with an analogy of slavery in vv 15-23. He uses this analogy because they are “weak” in their “natural limitations”.

Slavery was a concept that was well understood by the Romans because of its extensive use in the Empire and therefore would give them insight into the abstract idea Paul was focused on.

Slaves were either “doulos” or bond servants or owned totally by their masters. Paul focuses on the bond servant or voluntary type.

He suggests they “offer themselves” to righteousness rather than be controlled by sin. This would free them from the power of sin.

Romans 6:20-23

Slaves and Free

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

*²¹ **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.***

*²² **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.***

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

A Psalm of Asaph Ps 73:1-17

¹ Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
² **But as for me**, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.
³ **For I was envious of the arrogant**
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
⁴ For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
⁵ They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of
mankind.
⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them as a garment.
⁷ Their eyes swell out through fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.
⁸ They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.
⁹ **They set their mouths against the heavens,**
and their tongue struts through the earth.

¹⁰ Therefore his people turn back to them,
and find no fault in them.
¹¹ And they say, "How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
¹² Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.
¹³ All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
¹⁴ **For all the day long I have been stricken**
and rebuked every morning.
¹⁵ If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
I would have betrayed the generation of
your children.
¹⁶ **But when I thought how to understand**
this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
¹⁷ **until I went into the sanctuary of God;**
then I discerned their end.

How can we think about what Paul said?

- *Believers are called to live free from sin by submitting to God and pursuing righteousness, rather than remaining bound by the past or divided between worldly and spiritual priorities.*

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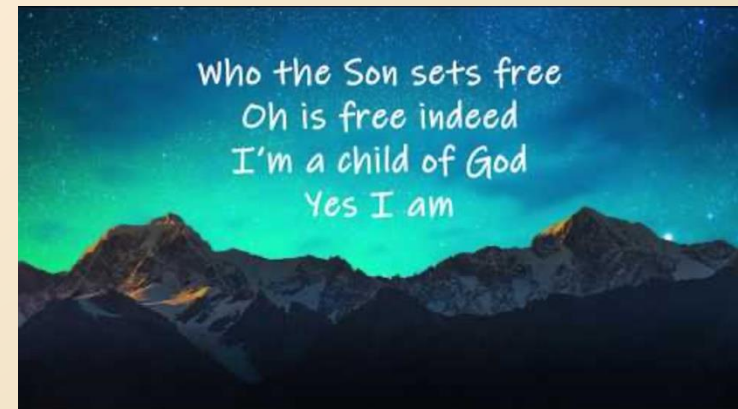
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A great recap of Romans 6



Next week

*We will pick up where we left off; Read Romans Ch. 7
...Sanctification...How the Gospel delivers us from Law*

- *Pray for our Nation and its leaders*
 - *Pray for both the Iranian War and the Russia/Ukraine wars to come to an end*
 - *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Peace for Israel*
- *Our State and its Leaders, and the elections to come, for God to give us Godly leaders*
- *Our Church, the Pastors and Leaders*
- *Pray for the needs of our class members and families*

Thank God for his mercy and grace for each of us as we struggle with life. Pray that you will be empowered to turn over your life to righteousness

