

## **Free from Sin, Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 6:15-23.

B. Sin is defiling. It is a pollution to the soul. (Joshua 7:13; 1 John 3:4; Isaiah 30; 1 Kings 8; Zachariah 3; 11:8; 2 Corinthians 7:1 )

C. Characteristics of sin.

1. Sin is rebellion.
2. Sin is ingratitude. (Romans 1)
3. Sin is incurable. (Jeremiah 13:23, Titus 1:15)
4. Sin is hated by God. (Jeremiah 44)
5. Sin dominates. (Romans 1:21, Jeremiah 44:15-17, John 3:19-21)
6. Sin brings Satanic control. (Ephesians 2, John 8:44)
7. Sin brings misery in this life. (Job 5:7, Romans 8)
8. Sin damns to hell. (Revelation 20)

D. Grace is not an excuse for sin.

E. A Christian is characterized by obedience. It is a state not only an obligation.

### II. Position.

A. One is either a slave to sin or a slave to God.

B. When we were regenerated we come under the power and influence of righteousness. (Ephesians 2:10, 1 John 3:9)

C. We no longer have to sin anymore.

D. The freedom we have is that we have a choice and can choose what is right. Prior to grace, one could not choose what was right.

### III. Practice.

A. Sin finds a home in the mortal body. As long as Christians possess humanness, they will struggle with sin.

B. Sin reproduces itself. It is a cruel master.

C. We will yield our bodies to righteousness as Christians, but we should do it all the time. (1 Thessalonians 4)

D. The end of serving sin is death. People without Christ have no obligation to righteousness. There is no fruit in this. (Philippians 3:7-8)

E. Freedom from sin is freedom from tyranny. The fruit is holiness. It will be manifest not only as an obligation but as a fact. The end is everlasting life. (Romans 4:6, Isaiah 6:5)

F. The wages of sin is death. Sin earns death.

G. Eternal life is a free gift. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

H. Grace covers sin, but it never condones it. Grace transforms the sinner.

**Application Questions:**

1. Should the Christian expect to sin no longer because he or she is under grace? Explain.

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2. What expectations should one have of a Christian under grace? Explain.

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3. What does it mean that freedom from sin will lead to holiness as a fact and not only as an obligation?

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