

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 6-6-10 PM NOTES
“FREE FROM THE RULE OF SIN”
ROMANS 6:12-23
#32 in Series, “Verse by Verse through Romans”

“I am not so much afraid of dying as I am of sinning; that is ten times worse than death.”

—Charles Spurgeon

Romans 6:6 (NKJV) “knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin.**”

I. Reject the Reign of Sin (v. 12)

Daniel 1:8 (NKJV) “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”

“Thousands of Christians are like water-logged vessels, they cannot sink; yet, they are saturated with so many inconsistencies, worldliness, and little permitted evils that they can only be towed with great difficulty into the celestial port.”

—F. B. Meyer

II. Present Your Members to God (v. 13)

Romans 12:1 (NKJV) “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies** a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV) “¹⁹ Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** *who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?* ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify God in your body** and in your spirit, which are God's.”

Philippians 1:20 (NKJV) “according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also **Christ will be magnified in my body**, whether by life or by death.”

Philippians 1:11 (NKJV) “being filled with **the fruits of righteousness** which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

III. Understand Your Position (v. 14)

Galatians 3:24 (NKJV) “Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”

1 Corinthians 15:56 (NKJV) “The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law.”

*Do this and live the law demands,
But gives me neither feet nor hands.
A better word [grace] now brings,
It bids me fly and gives me wings.*

—Unknown

“Command what You will, but give what You command.”

—Augustine

IV. Resist the Perversion (vv. 15-23)

A. The Perversion Stated (v. 15)

B. The Principle of Obedience (v. 16)

1 John 2:3-5 (NKJV) “³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.”

1 John 3:9-10 (ESV) “⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.”

Non posse non peccare—Not able not to sin

Posse non peccare—Able to not sin

Romans 1:1 (HCSB) “Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle and singled out for God’s good news.”

C. The Practice of Obedience (vv. 17-19)

D. The Promise of Obedience (vv. 20-22)

Matthew 6:24a (NKJV) “No one can serve two masters...”

V. The Summary (v. 23)