

ROMANS

PART 9: LIBERTY IS NOT LICENCE

Romans Chapter 6

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Once a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior, a gradual spiritual transformation of this newly freed slave of sin into a fully mature and completely free individual takes place. This transformation begins at conversion and continues throughout that person's life. Because a believer has been freed from the slavery of sin it would be foolish to go back into that slavery. That is the subject of this section in Romans.

A. CENTRAL QUESTION

"If sin brings grace, and lots of sin brings more grace, shouldn't we sin as much as possible in order to keep grace flowing from Heaven?"

B. KEY WORDS

1. Reign (Gk. *basileuō*): to rule over something, like a king.
2. Sanctification/holiness (Gk. *hagiasmos*): the process of being made more and more like Jesus Christ in our actual lives, and more and more free from the power of sin.
3. Old self (Gk. *palaios anthropos*): the former way of living.

C. CHAPTER 6 OUTLINE

1. Liberty is not license (6:1-3)
2. Because you were baptized *into* Christ (6:4-11)
3. Therefore, don't let sin reign over you (6:12-21)
4. Instead, live a life of holiness...be sanctified (6:22-23)

D. QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can Christians become completely free from sin in this life? Why or why not?
2. What are some harmful consequences that sin can produce?
3. What things can motivate Christians to avoiding sinning?

E. CONCLUSIONS: WHAT IS MY ROLE IN BECOMING SANCTIFIED?

1. Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more _____ and more _____ in our actual lives.
2. My role is to recognize that _____.
3. My role is to accept the _____.
4. My role is to assimilate _____.
5. My role is to _____ (Prov. 4:23; Rom. 12:2)
6. Remember: becoming like Christ is a _____ (2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29)