

# The Book of Romans

I. Paul's **Introduction** to his **Letter** (1:1-17)

II. Paul *Declares* Man's **Need** for God's **Salvation**  
and **Righteousness** (1:18-3:20)

III. Paul *Delivers* his **Gospel Message** of  
**Righteousness** by **Faith in Messiah** (3:21-5:21)

IV. Paul *Describes*, and gives **Instructions**  
concerning the **Life** and **Walk** of **Believers**  
*in Messiah* (6:1-8:39)

A. He *Instructs* them to **live** as those who have both **Died** and  
been **Raised** in **Messiah** (6:1-14).

B. He *Implores* them to **live** as **Servants of**  
**Righteousness** (6:15-23)

1. *Exhorting* them to **no longer sin**, though not “**under law**” (6:15)
2. *Explaining* that they become **servants** to whom which they render  
**obedience** (6:16)
3. *Expressing thankfulness* for their **obedience** to **righteousness** (6:17-18)

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall **we sin** because **we are not**  
**under law** but **under grace**? May it **never be!**

<sup>16</sup> Do you not **know** that when you **present yourselves**  
to someone as ***slaves for obedience***,  
you are ***slaves*** of the **one** whom you **obey**,  
either of **sin** resulting in **death**,  
or of **obedience** resulting in **righteousness**?

<sup>17</sup> But **thanks be to God** that though you **were *slaves of sin***,  
you became **obedient** from the **heart**  
to that form of **teaching** to which you were **committed**,

<sup>18</sup> and having been ***freed from sin***,  
you became ***slaves of righteousness***.

4. *Entreating* them to live according to righteousness (6:19-23)

<sup>19</sup> I am speaking in **human terms**  
because of the **weakness** of your **flesh**.

For just as you **presented** your **members** as **slaves** to **impurity**  
and to **lawlessness**, resulting in **further lawlessness**,  
so now **present** your **members** as **slaves** to righteousness,  
resulting in sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> For when you were **slaves of sin**,  
you were **free** in regard to righteousness.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore what **benefit** were you then deriving  
from the things of which you are now **ashamed**?  
For the **outcome** of those things is death.

<sup>22</sup> But now having been **freed from sin** and **enslaved to God**,  
you derive your **benefit**, resulting in sanctification,  
and the **outcome**, eternal life.

<sup>23</sup> For the **wages of sin** is death, but the **free gift of God**  
is eternal life in **Messiah Jesus our Lord**.

## Message Summary

**Believers** have a *choice*, to become  
**Servants of Sin or Servants of Righteousness**

1. **Serving *sin*** results in death (6:16b, 21b, 23a)
  2. **Serving *sin*** manifests itself in impurity and lawlessness (6:19a)
  3. **Serving *sin*** brings shame (6:21)
  4. **Servants of *sin*** are “**free**” from righteousness (6:20)
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1. **Obedience (to God)** results in righteousness (6:16c)
  2. **Servants of *righteousness*** are “**freed from sin**” (6:18)
  3. **Serving *righteousness*** results in sanctification (6:19b, 22a)
  4. **Serving *righteousness*** results in eternal life (6:22b, 23b)

## Personal Application

Being **servants of sin** may be *temporarily*  
**pleasurable** and “**exciting**,” but you “**earn**” terrible  
“**wages**” → death and corruption

For the **wages of sin** is **death**,.. (6:23a)

Do not be **deceived**, **God** is **not mocked**;  
for whatever a man **sows**, this he will also **reap**.

For the one who **sows** to his **own flesh**  
will from the **flesh reap corruption**,  
but the one who **sows** to the **Spirit**  
will from the **Spirit reap eternal life**.  
(Galatians 6:7-8)

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There is **a way** *which seems right* to a man,  
But its **end** is the **way of death**. (Proverbs 14:12)

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There is **no soundness** in my **flesh** because of **Your indignation**;  
There is **no health** in my **bones** because of **my sin**. (Psalm 38:3)

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Be **gracious** to me, **O LORD**, for I am **in distress**;  
My **eye** is **wasted away** from **grief**, my **soul** and my **body** *also*.

For my **life** is spent with **sorrow**  
And my **years** with **sighing**;  
My **strength** has **failed** *because* of **my iniquity**,  
And my **body** has **wasted away**. (Psalm 31:9-10)

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**Bread obtained** by **falsehood** is **sweet** to a man,  
But afterward his **mouth** will be filled with **gravel**.  
(Proverbs 20:17)

The **wicked** earns **deceptive wages**,  
But he who **sows righteousness** gets a **true reward**.

He who is **steadfast in righteousness** *will attain to* **life**,  
And he who pursues **evil** *will bring about* his own **death**.  
(Proverbs 11:18-19)

His **own iniquities** will **capture** the **wicked**,  
And he will be **held** with the **CORDS** of **his sin**. (Proverbs 5:22)

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**Who** has **woe**? **Who** has **sorrow**?  
**Who** has **contentions**? **Who** has **complaining**?  
**Who** has **wounds** without **cause**?  
**Who** has **redness** of **eyes**?

Those who **linger long** over **wine**,  
Those who go to taste **mixed wine**.

Do not look on the **wine** when it is red,  
When it **sparkles** in the **cup**,  
When it goes down **smoothly**;  
At the last it **bites** like a **serpent**  
And **stings** like a **viper**. (Proverbs 23:29-32)

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Alas, **sinful nation**,  
People weighed down with **iniquity**,  
Offspring of **evildoers**,  
Sons who act **corruptly**!

They have **abandoned** the LORD,  
They have **despised** the Holy One of Israel,  
They have **turned away** from Him.

Where will you be **stricken again**,  
As you **continue** in *your* **rebellion**?  
The **whole head** is **sick**  
And the **whole heart** is **faint**.

From the **sole** of the **foot** even to the **head**  
There is **nothing sound** in it,  
Only **bruises**, **welts** and **raw wounds**,  
Not pressed out or **bandaged**,  
Nor **softened** with oil.

Your **land** is **desolate**,  
Your **cities** are **burned with fire**,  
Your **fields**—**strangers** are **devouring them** in your presence;  
It is **desolation**, as **overthrown** by **strangers**.

The **daughter of Zion** is left like a **shelter** in a **vineyard**,  
Like a watchman's **hut** in a cucumber field, like a **besieged city**.

Unless the LORD of hosts  
Had left us a **few survivors**,  
We would be like **Sodom**,  
We would be like **Gomorrah**. (Isaiah 1:4-9)

## Closing Comments

If it is **disagreeable** in your sight to **serve the LORD**,  
**choose** for **yourselves today whom** you will **serve**:  
whether the **gods** which your fathers served  
which were beyond the River,  
or the **gods** of the **Amorites** in whose land you are living;  
but as for **me** and **my house**, **we will serve the LORD.**"  
(Joshua 24:15)

