

Victory in Christ  
Session 1  
Romans 5:18-6:11

**Romans 5:18-21**

1. According to Romans 5:18, one man's offense resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for all men.
2. According to Romans 5:13, sin is not imputed when there is no \_\_\_\_\_.

Why then did the people who lived between the time of Adam and the time of Moses die?

3. Adam was the \_\_\_\_\_ for all of those who are in him.
4. In a similar way, Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ for all those who are in Him.
5. Just as many are made \_\_\_\_\_ in Adam, many are made \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.  
(Verse 19)
6. According to verse 20, why was the law given?

This leads us then to the first principle...

**Principle 1: Sin abounds but grace abounds more!**

**Romans 6:1-4**

This leads to an interesting question: Since grace abounds more than sin, should we sin more so grace abounds more? Paul's answer is, "God forbid!" The reason is what's important to understand.

7. We've been baptized into Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1 – 2:12).
8. Since we are in Christ, we died with Him, were buried with Him and raised with Him.  
(Romans 6:3-4; Ephesians 2:5-6)

**Principle 2: Our identity is Christ and our position is 'in Christ'.**

**Romans 6:5-7**

9. Because of our death with Christ, our old man was \_\_\_\_\_ and the body of sin \_\_\_\_\_.
10. He who has died has been \_\_\_\_\_ from sin.

**Principle 3: Because we died with Christ, we have been released from sin's power and authority.**

**Romans 6:8-11**

11. Death no longer has \_\_\_\_\_ over Christ.

12. He died to sin and now He lives to \_\_\_\_\_.

13. Because we died with Him, we are to count ourselves to have \_\_\_\_\_ to sin and to now be \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Reckoning is not like mind over matter. It is believing what God's Word states is true. It's not a mental trick. It is living as though it is true, because it is true.

We not only will live to God in the future, but he is our life now.

See also Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:3; Romans 5:17; Romans 8:10

**Principle 4: Based on the truth we should reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive to God.**

These truths are emphasized in other places as well as the motivation for our behavior.

Colossians 3:1-5 – Why should you put to death your members that are on the earth?

Colossians 3:9-10 What is the reason for not lying to one another?

Ephesians 4:22-24 What are you to put off and what are you to put on?

According to Romans 6:6 what is the condition of the old man? And what did Ephesians 4 say to do to the old man?

**Principle 5: Consciously take your eyes off of earthly, sinful ways and focus them on righteous heavenly things because you died with Christ and have been raised with Him.**

**Romans 6:12-14**

Because of these truths -

15. we are not to let sin \_\_\_\_\_.

16. we *are not* to present our members as \_\_\_\_\_ of unrighteousness.

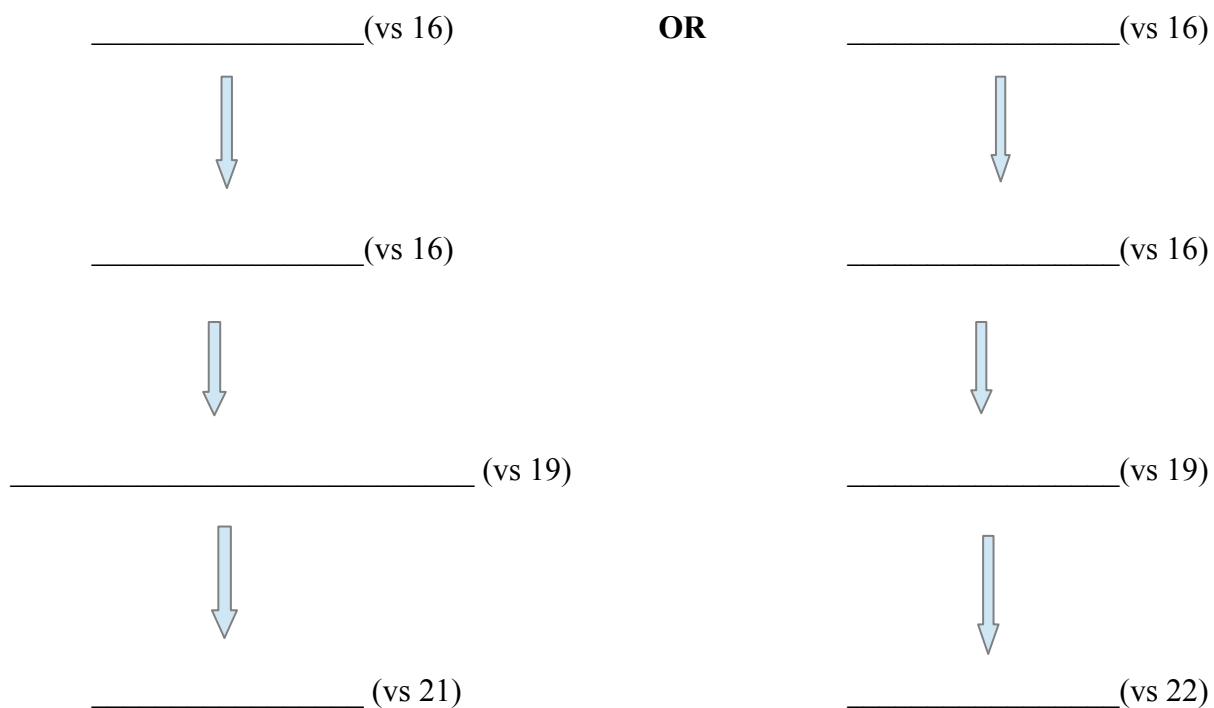
17. we *are* to present our members to God as \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness because we are on the other side of the grave.

18. Why will sin not have dominion over us? (Note that this is a promise, not a command.)

**Principle 6: Sin shall not have dominion over you because you are not under law, but under grace.**

**Romans 6:15-23**

- 19. Just like the answer to the question in verse 1, this answer is the same. What is it? (vs. 15)
- 20. In the explanation of this answer, just like the answer to the first question, Paul asks, “Do you not \_\_\_\_\_?” Part of our victory is based on what we \_\_\_\_\_.
- 21. According to verse 16, to whomever you present yourselves to obey, you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the one you obey.
- 22. Now we are going to follow Paul's logic with a chart. Paul says that we have a choice as to whom to obey and there are results of those choices that lead to further results.



- 23. In verse 17, Paul thanks God that they obeyed from the \_\_\_\_\_. Why is this important?
- 24. What did they obey from the heart?
- 25. *Delivered* in verse 17 means *given over to*. In other words they had been set free from sin and turned over to the teaching of the gospel. From the heart they put into practice that teaching.
- 26. As a result (vs. 18), having been set free from \_\_\_\_\_, they became slaves of \_\_\_\_\_. The same should be true of us.

27. To make it simple in verse 19, Paul says just as we used to behave one way, we should now change course and give ourselves with the same dedication to slavery to righteousness, which as we saw earlier leads to righteousness.
28. When you are slave of one master, you are free from a different master. So in verse 20, when we were slaves to sin, we were free from \_\_\_\_\_.
29. But in verse 22, we have become slaves of God, and therefore free from \_\_\_\_\_.
30. The end of the way of sin is \_\_\_\_\_. But the end of the way of righteousness and holiness is \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 21, 22)
31. This then is summarized in the familiar verse 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Is this verse written to saved people, or lost people?

**Principle 7: In effect you are a slave to who you obey--either sin which leads to death or righteousness which leads to life.**

## Romans 7:1-6

32. What does it mean that the law has dominion over a man only as long as he lives?
33. The law binds a woman to her husband as long as he lives. When her husband dies, she is \_\_\_\_\_ from the law of her husband.
34. Why is she free to marry someone else in that case?
35. In the same way, we've been \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ someone else. (vs. 4)
36. What does it mean to bear fruit to God? (Consider John 15 and Galatians 5.)

37. We have become \_\_\_\_\_ to the law through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.  $G^{\wedge} - ^{\wedge} J$

We died with Christ on the cross. Therefore the law doesn't apply to us anymore than the law applied to the woman in verse 3.

### **Principle 8: When you died with Christ you died to the jurisdiction of the law and are set free to bear fruit for God.**

Look carefully at verses 5-6:

38. "When we \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh ..." What tense is this? When was this?
39. What aroused the sinful passions at that time?
40. Where did these sinful passions work and what was the result?  
(Remember that this was in the past.)
41. "But now..." You know the expression, "That was then and this is now." When did the "now" begin? (vs. 6)
42. But now we've been \_\_\_\_\_ from the law, having \_\_\_\_\_ to it.  
(Colossians 2:13-14)
43. The purpose is so that we can serve in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit and not the oldness of the \_\_\_\_\_. (See also 2 Corinthians 3;6)

## Temporary Detour on the Law and its Purpose

### Galatians 3:15-4:7

- a. God gave a promise to Abraham and his seed (vs. 16).
- b. The law came 400 years later and cannot annul a promise (vs. 17).
- c. The law was added because of the transgressions (vs. 19). Remember from Romans, sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- d. The Scripture has confined everyone under sin so that the promise might be given to those who believe (vs. 22).
- e. Before faith came we were kept under guard by the law (vs. 23). The law was a tutor, but after faith came, we are no longer under the tutor (vs. 24, 25).
- f. If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs of the promise (vs. 29).
- g. When an heir is a child, he does not differ from a slave. (i.e. He is still subject to a lot of commands. vs. 4:1,2)
- h. When we were children we were in bondage under the elements of the world (v. 3). See also Colossians 2:8, 20 **When was this that we were children?** The next verse tells us.
- i. When Christ came, childhood was over (vs. 4-5).
- j. Something to think about: In normal life, why doesn't an adult need the same rules and regulations a five year old does?
- k. In the Christian view, the Spirit has replaced the letter. The Spirit is internal. (See also Romans 7:6; 2 Corinthians 3:6)
- l. Under the New Covenant, God has promised essentially 5 things.  
Ezekiel 11:19; Ezekiel 36:26; Jeremiah 31:31-34
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_
- m. It is the presence of the Spirit and new motivation that makes us adults and not children any longer.

44. You could put verses 4 and 6 together to say that since we have died to our old husband, the law, we are now married to a new husband, Christ, and bear fruit for him through the new method of the Spirit.

**Principle 9: We serve now with the Spirit being the motivator of our actions rather than the external command of the law.**

**Romans 7:7-12**

45. Is the law sin? (See also verses 12,14 and 16)

46. Sin responds in various ways to the law:

Sin worked to bring forth fruit to \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 5).

Sin took the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 8).

Sin produces \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 8).

Sin comes to \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 9).

Sin \_\_\_\_\_ me and \_\_\_\_\_ me (vs. 11).

Sin gains \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 15:56).

**Principle 10: Law is holy, just and good but it gives sin its power.**

**Romans 7:13**

47. Was the law responsible for my death? God uses the law to show us that sin is exceedingly sinful and that it exists right here in me producing death in me.

**Principle 11: Sin in me is the problem.**

## **Romans 7:14-25**

48. The law is \_\_\_\_\_ but I am \_\_\_\_\_. That is the problem. (vs. 14)
49. The fact that I don't want to do the thing I end up doing means that I \_\_\_\_\_ with the law that it is \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 16) That is a good thing. You are agreeing with God.
50. Paul says that that means that it is not \_\_\_\_\_ that does it, but \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 17)
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ is present, but the \_\_\_\_\_ is missing. (vs. 18)
52. There is a principle then. The principle is that there is \_\_\_\_\_ present with me, even though I will do to \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 21) In other words, evil is present in the very same person who wants to do what is right.
53. Paul says that in the inward man he \_\_\_\_\_ in the law of God. Is that a Christian condition or a lost condition?
54. In verse 23, he expands on the principle given in verse 21. There is a principle at work in my body that pits the members of the body against the mind, and bring me into captivity to the law of sin. Where is this law of sin located? (vs. 23)

### **Principle 12: There is a war between me and the sin in my members.**

55. Who is going to provide deliverance? (vs 25)
56. Notice in verse 25, he doesn't say with the flesh he serves sin. He says he is in bondage to the *law of sin*. He already said in 6:6,7 that we are not slaves of sin and have been set free from its dominion. There is a law of sin at work in our members that is warring against our minds. Our mind wants to do the right thing, but the flesh wars against that. The component that has been left out of the discussion is to be introduced in chapter 8 and provides the answer we are looking for.

### **Principle 13: God through Jesus Christ is our deliverer.**

## **Romans 8:1-4**

57. Verse 1 to me is the umbrella verse. While the battle continues and our growth in grace progresses, we are protected. There is N\_\_\_\_\_ ! no condemnation.

### **Principle 14: There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.**



58. Another law is introduced in verse 2. There are several “laws” in these passages. When it is not speaking of the law of God, it is referring to a “principle”.

The law of \_\_\_\_\_. (5:13, 20; 6:14; 7:1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 14, 16; 7:22, 25; 8:3, 4)

The law of \_\_\_\_\_. (7:21, 23x2, 25; 8:2)

The law of my \_\_\_\_\_. (7:23)

The law of the \_\_\_\_\_. (8:2)

59. The law of the Spirit has set me free from the law of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 2)  
So we've not only been set free from slavery to sin itself, but the principle of sin and death at work in our body has been nullified by the law of the Spirit.

**Principle 15: The Spirit has released me from the law of sin and death.**

60. The law of God was unable to do something because it was \_\_\_\_\_ through the flesh because of sin.

The new covenant is based on better \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 8:6

The first covenant was not \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 8:7

The first covenant was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 7:18

The first covenant could not make the worshippers \_\_\_\_\_ or complete.  
Hebrews 10:1

61. But what the law could not do, God DID! (Romans 8:3)

62. He \_\_\_\_\_ sin in the flesh (Romans 8:3). So I am not condemned but sin is!

63. This was done so that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law might be \_\_\_\_\_ in us,  
(not by us) who walk according to the \_\_\_\_\_ and not the flesh. (vs. 4)

Hebrews 10:14 tells us that what the law could not do, i.e. make the worshippers perfect, God did. He perfected us forever.

**Principle 16: Sin in the flesh has been condemned even though you are not.**

**Principle 17: The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us as we walk in the Spirit.**