

Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church

Wednesday Sermon

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Text: Romans 6:14-23

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:14-23

Subject: Sin shall not have dominion over you

Verses 1 to 13 of this sixth chapter began by asking the question "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? May it not be! How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? What a blessing to consider that we who believe in Jesus Christ as our savior declared our union with him in our baptism. We showed by baptism that we were dead, buried, and raised to walk in a new life. We know that our old man was crucified with Jesus Christ that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Being dead, we are freed from it.

Now, let us study verses 14 through 23 of the sixth chapter of this marvelous book of Romans.

Romans 6:14 (KJV) *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

For sin shall not have dominion over you: -- The phrase "have dominion over" comes from this Greek word: "κυριεωο kurieuo ko-ree-yoo'-o". It appears seven times in the New Testament and is translated as:

- have dominion over 4,
- exercise lordship over 1,
- be Lord of 1,
- lords 1

What is this saying? We who yielded our members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin before we believed – now, in believing,

yield ourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead and our members as instruments of righteousness unto God. Sin shall not have (positively) dominion over us. Sin shall not have supreme authority over us! Sin shall not have the power of governing us and controlling us any longer.

By nature we were slaves to sin; we were sold under sin. We were, by that nature, children of wrath even as others but were quickened together with Christ.

Romans 7:14 (KJV) *For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.*

Romans 6:15 (KJV) *What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.*

What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? – does it follow from what has been said that we are lawless, and may live according to sinful lusts? The law here speaks of the Ten Commandments and the old covenant. We are not under that and never were. As children of the New Covenant, we are under grace – and walk in the Spirit according to the perfect law of liberty – the New Testament.

God forbid. – Emphatically no! May it not be!

Romans 6:16 (KJV) *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; -- In other words, this is like asking or saying: I assume that you know; you are acquainted with the laws of servitude; you know what is required in such cases." This would be known to all who had been either

masters or slaves, or who had observed the usual laws and obligations of servitude. If you yield yourself to a master, then you are his servant to obey. The key words are “if you yield.”

Whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? -- Here are the masters. (1) sin unto death, and (2) obedience unto righteousness. Which will we yield ourselves to obey and serve?

Romans 6:17 (KJV) *But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.*

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, --

Thank God, his words do not stop here. Even though all of us were definitely the servants of sin. Why is that? We could do none else – because we knew nothing of righteousness? We were unable because of the weakness of our flesh to keep God’s holy and good law (which for us gentiles is written in our consciences). So – we were servants of sin in *bondage* to sin; and had been completely sin’s slaves.

But ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. – We did not obey by merely giving intellectual assent, but from our heart – a heart which was renewed by the new birth. The phrase “that form of doctrine” means the “instruction, that which was taught us” being the very words of God in their context from the Holy Scriptures. This, to us, was the good news – the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:1-6 (KJV) *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you,*

*unless ye have believed in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: **5** And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: **6** After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.*

Romans 6:18 (KJV) *Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*

By our willing obedience to the form of doctrine delivered us, we were converted and changed our way and manner of life. We were set free from the bondage of sin by the power of the Holy Ghost and became the servants of righteousness – that henceforth, we should not serve sin, but walk in righteousness.

Romans 6:19 (KJV) *I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.*

I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: -- I speak as men usually speak; or I draw an illustration from common life, in order to make myself better understood. Paul uses the analogy of a master/servant here.

for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; -- You have – in the past, before your conversion, yielded your members servants to uncleanness – your mind, your heart, your eyes, your ears, your tongue, your hands and feet and all that are the members of your

bodies. You and I yielded our members to all sorts of sin and progress in it, adding continually to it; which shows us to have been thorough hearty servants of sin.

even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. – Now you have been made free from sin and became servants of righteousness. Now yield your members to righteousness unto holiness. As you live a righteous life continually living in it, it tends to holiness. We are more and more sanctified (set apart) from the world and unto God. That is holiness – a higher plane of living than the world knows of.

Romans 6:20 (KJV) *For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.*

Before our belief in Christ and conversion, we had no righteousness, nor did we desirous any. We served sin every hour of every day. We were sold to it and slaves under it. We were opposed and antagonistic to righteousness. We threw off the yoke of the law of righteousness, and lived in a very unrighteous and wicked manner. We were willing subjects to our nature which was to sin – because we were born in sin. We were totally free to evil, but free from all that is good and right.

Romans 6:21 (KJV) *What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.*

What a serious question! What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? Now, being made free from sin, we are totally ashamed of a life of sin and debauchery! We are embarrassed by it because we are born of God. The very thought of those things causes us whose bodies are the temple of the Holy

Ghost to be astonished that we ever did those wicked things. True it is, that the end of those things is death.

James 1:13-15 (KJV) *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

Before we were converted, we had a vile, wicked heart which was desperately wicked. And from that wicked fountain, flowed these things:

Matthew 15:19-20 (KJV) *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: **20** These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.*

Romans 6:22 (KJV) ***But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.***

Praise the LORD who had freed us from the bondage of sin and made us willing servants to God. Now, through the Holy Ghost which dwells with us forever, we have (positively) fruit which moves us to holiness.

Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

And the end everlasting life. – O, brothers and sisters, we shall never die. Why? Because we are good? Nay, not one.

John 11:25-26 (KJV) *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

Romans 6:23 (KJV) *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

For the wages of sin is death; -- “Wages of sin” speaks of that which a man earns or deserves; that which is his proper pay, or what he merits. As applied to sin, it means that death is what sin deserves; that which will be its proper reward. Death is thus called the wages of sin because it is a sure end of a life of sin.

But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. – But! Thank God for the conjunction, but. God’s gift is eternal life. Our sin deserved death and hell, but God’s gift, by his grace and mercy, is eternal life – through Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the resurrection and the life. In him is eternal life. He is the way and the only way to the Father. A gift is something we receive from God by his mere pleasure. We cannot earn it, nor do we deserve it – but he set His everlasting love on sinners as you and I to give to us eternal life through his blessed Son. I pray that you are believing in Jesus Christ as your own savior. Come to him! Cry to him – “Lord, remember me!” “God, be merciful to me a sinner!”