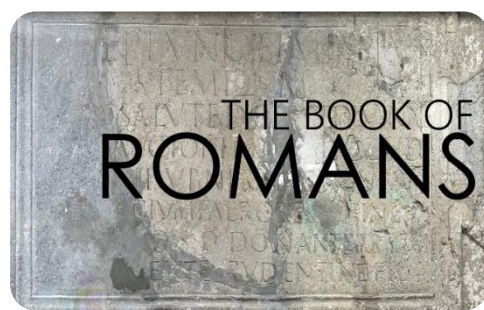


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In chapter 4, Paul emphasized: doing right; and how it is personally credited. Paul first has us consider Abraham, father of faith, doing right here on earth. In chapter 5, being justified -- judicially considered right by faith, by God; Paul concludes saying, those who receive abundance of grace... the gift of doing right by one, Jesus Christ... **will reign in life** -- this life, starting now. And that certainly sounds like more Good News, doesn't it? Paul is inspired to write: **we**, and **sin**, and **death**... more than any other time. Paul includes himself; he wants all the students of the Lord Jesus including his self to ask:



¹ **What will we say then?**

Will we continue in sin / will we be unaffected by the grace of God, and the gift Jesus Christ gave for us to reign in life? And remain in that dead-end course leading to death; sort of like refusing the life-jacket because we don't look good in that color,

Will **we** continue in **sin**... that grace may abound?

² **Absolutely not!**

How will **we**, who are **dead to sin**, live any longer in it?

³ **Do you not know, that as so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into His death?** / many are baptized with sprinkling or dunking; Paul does not write about that; it isn't important. Paul said, I thank God I didn't baptize any of you. God did not call me to baptize. He knew what John the Baptist said, One coming after him would baptize with fire and the Spirit. Paul says:

Do you not know, that as many of us as were baptized by fire and the Spirit... into Jesus Christ were baptized by fire and the Spirit... into His death?

⁴ **So, we are buried with Him by baptism of fire and the Spirit into death: that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in a new life** / notice 3 things: Paul is talking about: a walk by faith, step by step like children taking their first steps, lifted up to new life, by faith, by the glory of the Father – so **by Jesus who is the glory of God.**

⁵ **For if we were united in the similarity of His death, we will also be united in the similarity of His resurrection** / if our faith walk harmonizes with His death, Paul says, don't stop, the tomb was empty; so we keep walking by faith, raised to new life:

⁶ **knowing this, that our old being is crucified with Him, that the body of sin is destroyed, that from now on we should not serve sin.**

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⁷ For he who is **dead** is freed from **sin** / if you are dead you don't sin; but now add faith.

⁸ Now if **we** are **dead** with Christ – by faith, then **we** believe that **we** will also live with Him:

⁹ knowing that Christ, being raised from the **dead**, **dies** no more; **death** no longer reigns over Him.

¹⁰ For in that He **died**, **He died to sin once** / dying to its power and influence, He died once; **ephapax**, meaning: **once for all time**; He will not need to do it again:

but in that He lives, He lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way / of faith and faithfulness; you also personally credit yourselves to be **dead** indeed to **sin**, **but alive to God** **through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

¹² So, do not let **sin** reign in your mortal body, that you should obey its strong desires / good or bad; not all desires promote the kingdom of God.

¹³ nor present your members / your heart, soul, and mind created to love God, and others.

as instruments of doing wrong / **adikia**, **a = neg.** + **dikia = right**; not doing right to **sin**:

but present yourselves to God, as those who by faith **are alive from the dead**, and your members / your heart, soul, and mind being awake, washed clean in the fire and the Spirit of the Lord...

as instruments of doing right to God.

¹⁴ **For sin will not reign over you** / will not rule you, who by faith are baptized by fire and the Spirit; but we do not need to pretend we are not sinners; we will be till the day we die, when we awake over there in His likeness. Paul knew the promise of God: He has not dealt with us according to our sin; nor rewarded us according to our hideous guilt-- **Psalm 103**: that is why the Lord Jesus stepped in to substitute for us. C.S. Lewis said, God knows the wretched vehicles some of you have been driving; keep going, don't quit. One day it will be thrown on the trash heap of history, and you will be clothed in splendor:

for you are not under the law but **under grace** / the law is falling like a hammer; but you are not underneath it, if by faith you are in Christ, you are under God's favor; showered in God's grace!

¹⁵ **What will we say then?** How about thank you Lord

will **we sin**, because **we** are **not** under the law, but under grace?

Absolutely not!

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¹⁶ Do you not know, that to whom you give yourself as a servant to obey, to that one you are a servant to obey / so, don't believe all the advertisements; **are you going to serve yourself or God?**;

whether of **sin** unto **death**,

or of **obedience** unto **doing right**? / discern the voices calling your name; Paul says, we have a choice; will you serve man or God? Doing what is wrong, or doing what is right, it is not complicated.

¹⁷ But thank God, you were servants of **sin** / past tense, **but from the heart you obey the instruction that was delivered you** / they took to heart, the lessons learned from Paul; that he took from the Lord; he didn't sit on some committee discussing verses to write; the Spirit of God inspired Paul.

¹⁸ Being then made free from **sin**, **you became servants doing right**.

¹⁹ I speak in human terms due to the weakness of the flesh: for as you yielded your members / your heart, soul, and mind, being unwashed by the Word,

as servants to filth and hideous sin after sin;

even so **now** yield your members / your heart, soul, and mind, being washed, on fire for the Lord,

as servants doing right, wholly integrated.

²⁰ For when you were servants of **sin** / in your infected heart and mind and being,

you were free from **doing right** / you freely did wrong.

²¹ What benefit did you have in those things of which you are now ashamed? for the end of those things is **death** / you were enslaved, on a fast-track to death.

²² But now being free from **sin**, and as servants to God you have produced wholeness, that ends in **life eternal** / what an ending; life forever with the Creator of the universe!

²³ **For the wages of sin is death** / the payment for sin is: rot and decay and death;

but **the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

In other words, Paul says: Step by step in faith, don't quit; keep moving toward our FatherGod in heaven: He is Captain of the winning team!

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