

APPLICATION FOR THE SAVED SINNER | ROM 6:11-14

- From previous verses: *the saved struggle with sin, even though they are saved. The saved should not "sin so that grace may abound," but have to learn to overcome the sin temptations of this world, by the grace of God.*
- Verse 14 –
 - **sin shall not have dominion** - This is a future reality, not necessarily a present reality. It speaks to the ultimate victory that is ours in Christ.
 - **Ye are not under the law...** - If we were **under the law**, the previous future reality could not be spoken. The "rule of law" would require punishment.

OBEDIENCE UNTO FREEDOM | 6:15-18

- Verse 15 –
 - Similar to v. 1, except that here the freedom comes from not being **under the law**. Both scenarios give a resounding, *may it never be!*
 - As stated before, this is a perennial charge against those who teach grace: *you are giving license to sin.*
- Verse 16 –
 - **yield** - See note on same word in v. 13.
 - **obey** - The word ὑπακοή [hupakoē] is literally, "under a hearing," with the idea of listening and carrying out the wishes of the one speaking.
 - **sin unto death** - Since the entire point of his argument is that we are saved by grace through faith outside of works, he cannot be arguing now that if we sin we will lose our salvation. Rather, there is a death that sin brings even for those who have eternal life.
 - **obedience unto righteousness** - Since a believer is "declared righteous" (justified) apart from obedience, this **obedience unto righteousness** cannot be "obedience unto justification."
- Verse 17 –
 - **that form of doctrine** - There are many different forms of doctrine. Paul claimed that only obedience to one form would deliver them from being **servants of sin**. Compare 2 Tim 1:13.
 - **delivered unto you** - Compare 1 Cor. 11:23, 15:3, Jude 3.
- Verse 18 – **being made free** - Literally, "having been made free." Note that the deliverance came from their obedience to **that form of doctrine which was delivered** to them, in v. 17.

PHYSICAL REALITIES | 6:19-21

- Verse 19 –
 - Having given a spiritual reality in v. 18, Paul gives a physical reality in v. 19. As in v. 11, he wants our behavior to align with our spiritual condition.
 - The problem every believer faces is still the **infirmity of your flesh**, from which the believer is not instantaneously delivered at salvation.
- Verse 20 - **free from righteousness** - The word ἐλεύθερος [eleutheros] (free) has the idea of being *unrestrained*.
- Verse 21 –
 - This question is rhetorical, reminding them (us) that sin's fruit is never as promised.
 - In light of the rhetorical question that is at the bottom of the subject matter (v. 1, 15), his answer to those questions is, "why would we want to sin? It did not bring us freedom, only death."

A CONSTRAINING GIFT | 6:22-23

- Verse 22 –
 - As in v. 18, it is *having been made free from sin*.
 - This is in the passive form, but does not give any proof to Calvinism's claim that because we cannot save ourselves we must be predestined.
 - We **made free from sin** when we accept the gift of salvation offered by Jesus Christ.
 - Notice that Paul is teaching that the **fruit unto holiness** and the **eternal life** is something that **ye have**, even though it is only in a spiritual reality not yet delivered physically.
 - How do we keep from going back and forth from sin to holiness? It is our *focus*. For Paul, the answer was given in 2 Cor. 5:14.
- Verse 23 - This beautiful verse reminds us of the contrast between earned **wages** and an unearned **gift**.