

## *Free from Sin* Romans 6:15~23, part 3

To be “*under the law*” describes those who are “*Dead to God...*”

The only hope for man, is that he would hear the *gospel of Christ...* and believe... Paul declares, that those who hear the gospel, and receive it, are made **ALIVE!**

Ephesians 2 tells us, that we were DEAD in sins and trespasses, speaking to our spiritual condition.

<sup>1</sup>And *you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

<sup>2</sup>*Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience:*

<sup>3</sup>*Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

A description that describes ALL of us prior to coming to Christ... Spiritually DEAD! But through hearing the gospel, and placing our faith in it, we have been made ALIVE to God!

That's what happened to me at the age of 25 years old... I heard the gospel, it went in through my ears, down into my heart, and God WOKE ME UP from the Dead!

He set me free from a life of sin... Something happened to me that night that I can't explain... I don't love the things I use too, I no longer want the things I use to, I no longer loved this old world and what it has to offer...and HE placed within me a desire for Him! He woke me up!

Now here I am, 15 years later, preaching the gospel...and I wouldn't want it any other way!

**(Vs 17~18)** *But God be thanked...that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered unto you.* <sup>18</sup>*Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*

Paul praises God for *those whose lives have been changed by the gospel...*

I want to take just a moment to say... I am so grateful to God for the gospel! It never ceases to amaze me the effect this message has on people! It thrills my heart to see the gospel free men and women from sin!

The “*gospel of Christ*” really is a life-altering message... Every time I preach, I expect something to happen in some bodies life! It thrills me to think, that anybodies can be radically changed just by hearing this message!

People may walk in here, and their lives may be a mess... They may be struggling in their marriage, they may be struggling with addiction, they may be suffering family problems, problems with their kids, whatever... and hear the gospel, and God change their whole life, by coming to know Christ as savior.

**(Vs 19b~22)** Holds a very interesting challenge to all believers...

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.

<sup>22</sup>But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

It's a call to use what time you have left on this earth, to live for the glory and honor of God.

Paul "*exhorts the Christian*" to be as *enthusiastic* in serving the Lord as you were in serving sin!

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**Q:** What would happen if we served God as Vigorously as we did SIN?

*That reminds me of those famous words by Henry Varley...*

The world has yet to see what God can do with, and through, and in a man/woman who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him.

As I lived *under the Law* for 25 years, and all 25 years I served sin well! You might say, I was a "Very Good Sinner!"

Looking back...I fully concur with what Paul says in verse 21, speaking of our past life, with out Christ!

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When I look back on some of the things I've done.... It grieves my heart!

**(Vs 20)** <sup>20</sup>For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

Paul says, those who "keep their life" are free in one sense, they're "free from righteousness!"

But what they see as freedom, is the worst form of bondage known to man...

Being "free from righteousness" means he is in "bondage to sin..."

And being in bondage to sin only leads to greater bondage, greater slavery...

**Warren Wiersbe put it this way...**The unsaved person is free—free *from* righteousness (Rom. 6:20). But his bondage to sin only leads him deeper into slavery so that it becomes harder and harder to do what is right. The Prodigal Son is an example of this (Luke 15:11-24). When he was at home, he decided he wanted his freedom, so he left home to find himself and enjoy himself. But his rebellion only led him deeper into slavery. He was the slave of wrong desires, then the slave of wrong deeds; and finally he became a literal slave when he took care of the pigs. He wanted to find himself, but he lost himself! What he thought was freedom turned out to be the worst kind of slavery. It was only when he returned home and *yielded to his father* that he found true freedom.

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**Don't WASTE your LIFE...**

Before I came to Christ, everything I did was pointless! It had no real meaning, no value!

But “*IN CHRIST*” ... I have been given the opportunity to be used by GOD HIMSELF to carry out His Will, His Purposes...

The Bible tells of people who permitted God to take and use their bodies for the fulfilling of His purposes. God used the rod in Moses’ hand and conquered Egypt. He used the sling in David’s hand to defeat the Philistines. He used the mouths and tongues of the prophets. Paul’s dedicated feet carried him from city to city as he proclaimed the Gospel. The Apostle John’s eyes saw visions of the future, his ears heard God’s message, and his fingers wrote it all down in a book that we can read.

**Only God knows what He can do with your life!**

We know that as far as God is concerned, there is no limit to what he can do through us... The limit to what he does do through us, is limited to how useable we are...

Whether or not, a person will yield their life to Christ, is their “*freedom of Choice...*”

Having heard the gospel of Christ, each one will make a decision...as to whether we believe it, and manifest our belief by yielding our lives unto Christ for his service. Or we will manifest we do not believe it, by not yielding our lives to Christ, and living our lives for our own will and desires...

We have the freedom of choice... God MAKES no man serve Him...

**But know this**... Though we are “*Free to choose which Master we will serve*”...  
...we are not free to choose *the consequences of our choice!*

Those are forever set by God himself...

<sup>23</sup>*For the wages of sin is death...*

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