

Have you ever pondered the power of grace from God? Do we who are unclean by nature actually become clean?

**Just this week, I had a great conversation about the worth or value of people in this world. It started with the idea that we are all unclean and HORRIBLE people by nature. I asked the question to them, do we need to go on living controlled by sin and remaining in its chains?**

Who do you serve?

*How can I be free and yet still serve, a master?*

In a world that seems to believe that the more I can do for myself the better I will be, I am always amazed by people who have no concept of the idea that we could actually be free but yet still serve someone.

The Apostle Paul expresses this concern when he writes In Romans 6:1-7, 15-19, 23, that...

**1**What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? **2**May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? **3**Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? **4**Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. **5**For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, **6**knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; **7**for he who has died is freed from sin. ...

15What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! 16Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? 17But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, 18and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. 19I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification. ...

23For the **wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.