

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1)	09 Sept. 2026	Romans 01	True Power
2)	13 Sept.	Romans 02	Coming Judgment
3)	20 Sept.	Romans 03-04	Saving Faith
4)	27 Sept.	Romans 05	Restored Relationship
5)	04 Oct.	Romans 06	Freedom
6)	11 Oct.	Romans 07	Struggle
7)	18 Oct.	Romans 08	Indwelt
8)	25 Oct.	Romans 09-10	Believe
9)	01 Nov.	Romans 11	Kindness
10)	08 Nov.	Romans 12	Sacrifice
11)	15 Nov.	Romans 13	Represent
12)	22 Nov.	Romans 14	Unity
13)	29 Nov.	Romans 15-16	Purpose

INTRODUCTION

- Paul invokes comparative analogies to drive home spiritual truths not only to these young Roman believers but also to us. These include being dead & being alive, being buried in baptism & being resurrected, being slaves to sin & slaves to righteousness.
- The liberty we have in Christ frees us from every law (i.e., the letter of the law), yet makes us slaves to righteousness (i.e., the spirit of the law). An argument is made that if God can save anyone, whether they be a little sinner or a big sinner, it must take more of God's grace to save a big sinner. Therefore, is it theoretically possible to commit a lot of sins to see more of God's grace at work? The answer is YES, but Paul reasons against that philosophy – "Don't Do It!"

Passage	Comments
Romans 6:1-7	Why Not Sin BIG to Receive More of God's Grace? - Sinning BIG does invoke more grace from God, but also more consequences. - Illustrations: Kings Saul, David and Solomon - v1. Are we to continue in sin? – This is present active deliberative subjunctive case indicating the practice of habitual sins. Simple answer is NOPE! - What are some examples of habitual sins? - Lying? Stealing? Immorality? Cursing? Other? - We need to turn sin OFF like a light switch - vv3-7. Paul uses comparative analogies of baptism, death, burial, resurrection, & slavery to avoid sin.
6:8-11	Dead People Can't Sin - Paul invokes a vivid illustration that a dead man in a casket can't sin – and that's what we should be like when it comes to sin – no response, no interest. - In 1Cor 14:20, Paul uses the illustration of being like children when it comes to sin – naïve and ignorant. - But we should be energetically living for Christ.
6:12-14	Those Who Choose Christ Should Not Choose Sin - Being cavalier or nonchalant about sin ruins people. - Society has adopted a Mardi Gras mentality – sin now ask forgiveness later. - v12. To sin or not to sin is a choice we must make every moment we live in, for God tries us from moment to moment Job 7:18 - How long is a moment? It could be a second in a thought or it could be hours or even days as we wrestle with major and minor issues of life. - v13. Every part of us (e.g., arms, legs, tongue, mind) are either tools for God or tools for the devil → Let's rack up rewards for all eternity by using what God gave us for His glory. - v14. Again, sin should not master us – it is our choice. - Remember what God told Cain before Cain killed his brother Abel – "If you do well, will not your

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	attitude be improved? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is (to destroy) you, but you must master it. Gen 4:7
6:15-19	We Become Slaves to Righteousness - v16. We are slaves no matter what. We either choose to be God's slaves, or we remain slaves to something more sinister – our own cravings, lusts, addictions, debt, and eventually – slaves of Satan. - Joshua said to Israel "choose you this day whom you will serve – but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24:15 - God eventually turned the Israelites over to their enemies as slaves because of their disobedience. In one passage God says the Jews will learn to appreciate being His slaves after considering the miserable treatment by their captors..... 2Chron 12:8 - vv17-18. Another passage highlights the Romans were once "slaves to sin" – BUT they became "obedient from the heart" – In other words, they made a decision to be a slave to righteousness. - v19a. "I am speaking in common human terms because of your spiritual immaturity" – Paul comes down to their level and uses familiar analogies to convey heavenly truths to these young believers Principle to Live By – Know your audience! - v19b. Paul's analogy of being a slave yields benefits. - A slave to bad things results in more bad things. - A slave to righteousness leads to good things. → Sanctification (spiritual maturity & fruitfulness)
6:20-23	Freed From Sin → Sanctification → Eternal Life - vv20-21. Benefits of being a slave to Sin. - More bad things happening to you - But you are free from doing righteous things - The end result, however, is eternal misery in Hell - vv22-23. Benefits of being a slave to Righteousness. - Sanctification leads to eternal bliss in Heaven ...and it is a free gift from God thanks to the cross

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- We should adopt the attitude of the Psalmist – "I'd rather be a doorkeeper (or a slave) in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness (with riches galore)" **Ps 84:10**
- NEXT WEEK: Romans 07.** Since we are dead to the Law (our first spouse) because of what Christ did on the cross (He freed us from the Law), we can now be legally married to Christ (our new spouse) without being called adulterous.

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