

Romans: The Message of Salvation

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1-2 By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us, set us right with him, make us fit for him, we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand, out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

3-5 There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary, we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

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6-11 Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life, no longer at sin's every beck and call!

What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end.

Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.

12-14 That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time, remember, you've been raised from the dead, into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

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Romans 5:5 (The Message)

Christians have
Eternal Hope!

Christians have Hope
for the here and now!

Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right.

Romans 5:18-19 (The Message)

When death becomes LIFE

Grace & Freedom is reason not to sin!



As long as you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God, you didn't have to bother with right thinking or right living, or right anything for that matter. But do you call that a free life? What did you get out of it?

Nothing you're proud of now. Where did it get you? A dead end.

Romans 6:20-21 (The Message)

“Cheap Grace”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Cost of Discipleship

“I’ve been forgiven, and I will go on being forgiven whatever I do, so I do whatever I wish.”

BEWARE!

Satan and the world will make
sin seem normal and fine.

It is Not!

If we've left the country where sin is
sovereign, how can we still live in our
old house there? Or didn't you realize
we packed up and left there for good?

Romans 6:1 (The Message)

HOPE = CONFIDENCE

In God's Word

Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life, no longer at sin's every beck and call!

Romans 6:6 (The Message)

“Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless
grace? The God of ages stepped down from
glory, To wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.”

- Phil Wickham “Living Hope”

Now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise!

A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death.

But God's gift is real life, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.

Romans 6:22-23 (The Message)