

Lesson 2: Freedom from Sin!



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We Have a Vision to Be Intentionally Learning!

Introduction: The death and resurrection of Jesus have been described in many ways. One that I have often heard is that we are now free from sin. The concept is crucial to each Christian confidently living in the freedom that we have received. We are free from sin, yet we are also being freed from sin. And at the same time, we have to choose to live in the freedom that Jesus secured for us. Freedom from sin sounds great, but we must delve into the full meaning of freedom so each of us can live as Christ desires. Today's lesson helps us to understand that we are called to live under the reign of Christ and not of Sin.

Part 1: Sin Seeks to Control Us!

Read Romans 6: 1-14

Key verse: Romans 6: 12-14

Romans 6 identifies how followers of Jesus have the ability to live free from sin. In verses 12-14, Paul outlines the choice we must make to either be mastered by sin or be mastered by Christ.



What does it mean to reign over something? _____

What is the impact when we let sin reign over us versus when we chose Jesus' reign?

How does freedom from sin connect with the idea that we become servants (slaves by choice) to Christ? _____

Do a Google search for the synonyms (words that mean the same) of the word obey. Create a brief list of the words that stand out to you.

Words with the same meaning as Obey!	
Example. submit	

Question: As you look at your list of words, which cause you to think of how sin has impacted you? Are we people who submit, comply, or bow to sin? When we obey sin these are words that exemplify what we have done.

Which word stood out the most to you? _____ Why do you think it stood out as an example of what we do as we obey sin?

When Paul described that we obey sin, he is implying that we actively choose to obey sin and he suggests that we must consciously and actively choose to not follow, submit, or comply to sin.

Part 2: Don't Give in to Sin!

Since we are either a slave to sin or a slave to Christ mankind never really has total freedom. The world tries to convince us that we can do what we want and we are in control of our own lives and destiny. The truth is we are either working to live a righteous life or we are under the control of sin. Even Christians can be under the control of sin. Jesus solved the ultimate punishment (eternal death) we deserve from sin. However, a Christian who is not maturing through study, prayer, meditation, and actively living to God's standards will find they do not become what God has intended for them. This results from lacking the discipline to resist the Devil when he tempts us to disobey Jesus.

Romans 6: 13 identifies how one who is not free behaves. A few keywords in verse 13 stand out, such as yield, unrighteousness, and alive!



What does Paul command that we do not do in verse 13? _____

What does Paul command that we do in verse 13?

- Members= our body parts and can infer sexual body parts specifically. In this verse, Paul uses members in the general sense meaning to describe any part of our body.

Verse 13 suggests that our bodies belong to God. Thus, every part of us is under His reign and an instrument for God's use.

- How do you think *God* wants to use you as an instrument of His?

- Are you allowing *God* to use you as an instrument (if not, why)?

As a result of this lesson, what do you need to begin to do, or do better?

Closing Prayer: Dear *God*, please help me to choose your reign over my life. You always want what is best and I want to submit to your plan for my life. In *Jesus'* name, Amen.