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Rom 5:1-2 NKJV

5:1 *Faith Triumphs in Trouble* Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom 5:19-6:23

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6

6:1 *Dead to Sin, Alive to God* What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

15 *From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God* What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

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

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(6:21-22) Sin: question something—what fruit is there in sin? Note several clear facts.

1. The true believer is ashamed of his past sin.

"And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself" ([Genesis 3:10](#)).

"And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens" ([Ezra 9:6](#)).

"My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me" ([Psalm 44:15](#)).

2. The fruit of sin is death. The fruit of sin is not good; there is nothing good about it. Sin corrupts, destroys, and dooms all who seek its fruits. This should always be remembered by men.

3. Believers are "made free" from sin by justification, that is, through the glorious love of God. Therefore, they have become slaves to God...

- bearing the fruit of holiness.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" ([John 8:32](#)).

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" ([John 15:5](#)).

"Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" ([Romans 6:18](#)).

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life" ([Romans 6:22](#)).

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" ([Romans 8:2](#)).

"That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" ([Luke 1:74-75](#)).

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" ([2 Cor. 7:1](#)).

"And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints" ([1 Thes. 3:12-13](#)).

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" ([Hebrews 12:14](#)).

"Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" ([1 Peter 1:16](#)).

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"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness" ([2 Peter 3:11](#)).

• bearing the glorious hope and end of eternal life.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" ([John 3:36](#)).

"And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" ([John 4:36](#)).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" ([John 5:24](#)).

"He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal" ([John 12:25](#)).

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" ([John 17:3](#)).

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" ([Galatians 6:8](#)).

(6:23) Sin, Wages of— Death: consider something, the wages of sin vs. the gift of God.

1. The wages of sin is death. Sin deserves death for two very clear reasons.
 - a. Sin is acting against God, acting against His very nature. Sin strikes out against God, attempts to tear down God's nature...
 - of purity and morality.
 - of holiness and glory.
 - of justice and righteousness.
 - of love and grace.
 - b. Sin is rebellion against God. It is rejecting God, ignoring God, disobeying God, denying God, and refusing to live for God. (See note—[Romans 5:10](#) for more discussion.)

The point is this. True justice demands that sin receive its payment or its wages. Since sin is so opposed to God's nature and is actually rebellion against God, it deserves to die...

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- to be cast far, far away from God.
- to have no part of God.
- to be banished from God's sight.
- to be separated from God's presence forever.
- to be condemned and punished for having dishonored and cursed God so much.

As a laborer receives his wages, so sin shall receive its wages. Just as it would be unjust not to pay the laborer, it would be unjust not to pay sin for its work. In fact, if sin did not receive its just punishment, it would be the most gross injustice of eternity. Why? Because sin is against the Sovereign Majesty of the universe, against God Himself. Sin must receive its just wages. Sin must die; it must be banished forever from the presence of God.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" ([Romans 5:12](#)).

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" ([Romans 6:23](#)).

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" ([Romans 8:6](#)).

"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" ([James 1:15](#)).

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" ([Rev. 21:8](#)).

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" ([Genesis 2:17](#)).

"As righteousness tendeth to life; so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death" ([Proverbs 11:19](#)).

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him" ([Ezekiel 18:20](#)).

2. The gift of God is eternal life. Note that eternal life *is not* the payment of wages. A man cannot work for and earn eternal life. It is the gift of God, and it is only through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" ([John 3:16](#)).

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" ([Titus 3:5-7](#)).