
THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2: Either / Or – No Half Way

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“For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.” *Romans 6:14, ESV*

The Problem: The World in Which We Live Is Under Satan’s Power

That Power Was Given to Him by Adam and Eve

“And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.” *Luke 4:5–6, ESV*

Our True Enemy Is Satan – Not People

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” *Ephesians 6:12, NLT*

Satan Does Not Have Equal Power with God

“In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” *2 Corinthians 4:4, ESV*

If I Am “In Christ” I Have a Before and After

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience... “But God, being rich in mercy... made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—” *Ephesians 2:1-2, 4–5, ESV*

God’s Solution: I Give Myself Over to God *Romans 6:15–22,*

To Play with Sin Is to Enslave Myself Further into Sin

I Need a Focus That Says I Am Either In Or Out

When I Become a Believer

1. I Am Obligated to Righteousness

“So now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.” *Romans 6:19d, ESV*

2. I Am a Bond Slave to God

“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.” *Romans 6:22, ESV*

3. The Payoff

I Am Being Sanctified *19d, 22*

I Possess Eternal Life *v22 vs 21c*

“But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.” *Romans 6:21, ESV*

God’s Solution Comes as a Free Gift

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” *Romans 6:23, ESV*

1. Everyone Can Have Eternal Life

Salvation is Free but Costly

2. Not Everyone Wants This Kind of Life

3. Not Everyone Will Receive Eternal life

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” *2 Peter 3:9, NLT*

The Bible Says There Is Only:

One Lord
Romans 6:23b

Only One-Way

John 14:6

Only One Name

Acts 4:12

Only One Act (*The Cross*)

1 Corinthians 1:18, 23-24