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Our Memory Verse

*But now being made free from sin,
and become servants of God, ye
have your fruit unto holiness, and
the end everlasting life. For the
wages of sin is death; but the gift of
God is eternal life through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
—Romans 6:22-23—*



STRAIGHT FROM THE
BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART

BOOK OF ROMANS CHAPTER 6 **Lesson No. 22 GRACE VERSUS SIN**

God's GRACE according to the Greek usage also means that because of the merciful kindness of God, He exerts His holy influence upon man by turning him to Christ, keeps him saved, strengthens him and kindles him to exercise Biblical virtues. Therefore sin cannot have dominion over grace (Rom. 6:1-2).

MESSAGE

1. The Application and Illustration of Baptism (Rom. 6:3-5). The immersion of a believer in water illustrates grace. It pictures how as Christ died, we who are saved died also with Him. And as He was raised up, we were also raised up. Because grace was applied through the death of Christ, we were dead in sin but now also by His grace, we were alive in Christ. As baptism shows that, we are encouraged to "walk in newness of life."

2. The Application and Illustration of the Gospel in the Life of a Believer (Rom. 6:6-10). The principle of trusting Christ is that as Christ was crucified for us, so is our self [old man] crucified with Christ. Here is the principle: Even if sin is still present and has power, we should not serve sin anymore.

The illustration of **justification** here is this: **Sin has no legal right to be the master over us.** As I have taught you before:

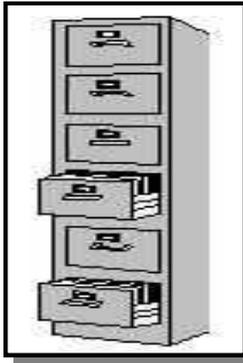
- We have been saved from the penalty of sin [**justification**].
- We are being saved from the power of sin [**sanctification**].
- We will be saved from the presence of sin [**glorification**].

And all because of God's grace!

3. The Encouragement to LIVE AND SERVE God (Rom. 6:11-14). The principle of sin is still there. We can still in practice YIELD to temptations. Hence, count ourselves dead into sin but alive in Christ (v.11). Let not sin reign over us—dethrone it in our lives (v.12). And yield ourselves to God (v.13).

The principle of **sanctification** is taught here (Rom. 6:10, 14):

- Positional Sanctification
- Practical Sanctification [which is our daily warfare against sin].



The BMA

Dr. Benny M. Abante's
PREACHING MATERIALS

**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE
IN A YEAR**

CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

JUNE 05	PSALM 25:1-2
JUNE 06	PSALM 27:1, 10
JUNE 07	JOHN 14:1-6
JUNE 08	1 JOHN 2:24
JUNE 09	1 JOHN 3:3
JUNE 10	MATTHEW 13:44
JUNE 11	PHIL 4:4-13

To memorize one (1) verse in every chapter, tokens shall be awarded to those who can recite all memory verses after

—BMA's Messages 06.05.16



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4. The Principle of Sin Is Still There but the Practice of Sin Can BE OVERCOME (Rom. 6:15-23). As we were before slaves of sin because of *Adamic* race, we are now slave of righteousness in Christ (vv.15-16). It is so important that we be saturated with the truth of God (vv. 17-18). It is admitted that we still have weakness [infirmity] with the flesh and yet in Christ, we can have the strength (vv.19-20). Think of this, when we were slaves to sin, we benefited nothing (v.21). Now, we are in Christ, what benefits do we have (vv. 22-23)?

- We have the gift of eternal life.
- We are now the servants of God.
- We are now able to live for God.

And all because of His grace!

CONCLUSION

Just think of who we are because of God's grace today. We are NOW the children of the King. Yes, we still sin but IT has no more dominion over us. Yes, we are still weak but in Christ, we are given strength. Yes, we are still human but have become spiritual human beings. And that is because of GOD'S GRACE and His grace alone.

What God Has Done About Sin (Rom. 6:2-16)

Life Application Study Bible

God has given us new life.

Sin's power is broken. We can be certain that the power of sin is broken.

Sin-loving nature is buried. We are no longer under the control of sin.

God has given us new nature.

We now share new life in Christ. Look upon your old self as dead and be alive to God.

God has given us new freedom.

Do not let sin control you.

Give yourselves completely to God.

You are free.

You can choose your own master.

We can see ourselves unresponsive to the old power and alive to the new. We can commit ourselves to obey Christ in perfect freedom. And thank Jesus, we can now choose God as our Master. Following Him, we can enjoy new life and learn how to work for Him.