

Freed from Sin and Bondslaves to God



The Sin Problem from Romans 6



Man's Condition Due to Sin:

- Continues in sin
- Slave to sin
- Sin reigns as king
- Presenting our members to sin
- Sin's mastery over us
- Slaves of Sin resulting in death
- No righteousness
- Wages of sin is death

Christ's Death Provided Victory over Sin:

- Died/Dead to sin
- Freed from sin
- Stop letting sin reign
- Stop letting sin be master over you
- Slaves to righteousness
- Enslaved to God
- Eternal life in Christ Jesus

Overview of Rom 6:17 to 22*

v:17-18 the believer's position

- **you were** slaves of sin **vs.**
you became slaves of righteousness

- A transformation has taken place in a believer's life
- Now, this is what God's grace looks like in the believer's life

v:19-20 the believer's condition

- **you presented** your members as slaves to impurity
vs. **you present** your members as slaves to righteousness

v:21-22 the believer's benefits [*lit*: fruit]

- things which you were ashamed resulted in death **vs.**
things resulting in sanctification: the outcome eternal life

Today's Verses



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

²¹ **Therefore** what **benefit [fruit]** were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.

²² **But now** having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your **benefit [fruit]**, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.



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

For when you were slaves of [the] sin

you were free in regard to righteousness.

- speaking of the believer's past life
- you were - *eimi* – a state of being verb
- the idea is that you were continually in this state prior to salvation
- the believer was then a *doulos* to his sin nature
- you were – same verb but more info!
- free - freedom from restraint and obligation;
- *lit:* had no relation to righteousness
- Isa 64:6b all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.

21 Therefore what fruit were you having then? Over which things now you are ashamed, for the result of those things *is* death.

Interlinear



Therefore

what fruit
were you
having **then**

- given the lack of God's righteousness!
- free in regards to "it" in verse 20

fruit - *karpos* - is used as follows:

- of the fruit of trees
- of works or deeds i.e. fruit of the Spirit
- of advantage or profit in this verse

were you having - *echo* – *lit*: to have

- you were continually having no fruit in past times

then - denoting "at that time"

- therefore: when you were a slave of the sin nature you were disconnected from God's righteousness with no fruit [benefit]

21 Therefore what fruit were you having then? over which things now you are ashamed, for the result of those things *is* death.

Interlinear



over which
things now
you are
ashamed

- “**things**” from the context appears to refer back to the false fruit [benefit] of human righteousness

now – *nyn* – lit: “of time”

- the present, in contrast to the past

you are ashamed - to bring shame upon oneself, to be ashamed of

- **Why ashamed now?**
 - There is no fruit [benefit] in sin*
 - **You were** totally occupied with things that you now are ashamed of from your past life.*

21 Therefore what fruit had you then? Over which things now you are ashamed, for the result of those things is death.

Interlinear



for the
result of
those things
is death

result - *telos* - it means end, result;
can mean final lot, ultimate fate
of those things – the things that we are
now ashamed of [sinful things]
is death – the core idea is separation

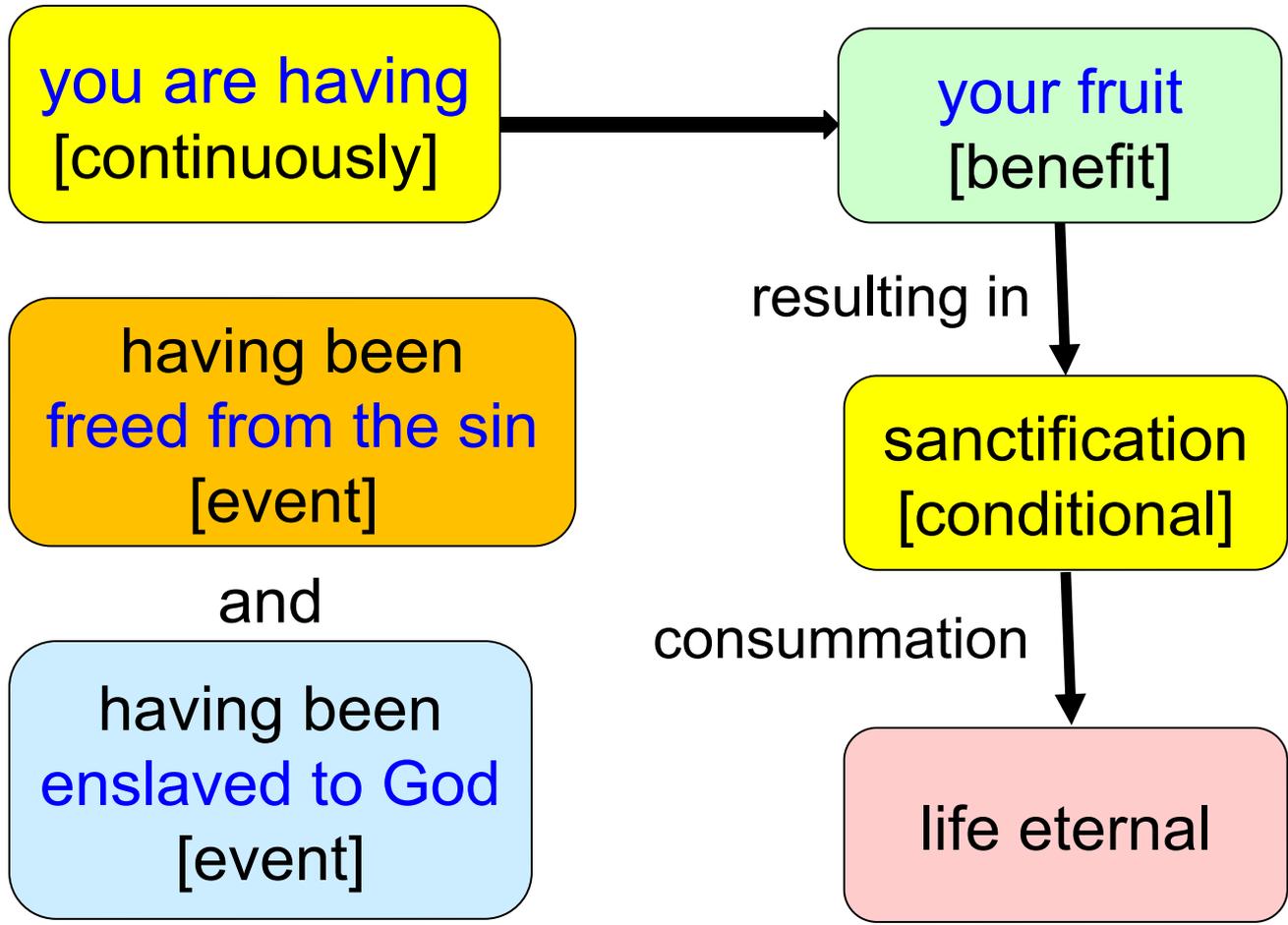
- Sin has only one product: death (separation from God)*
- Eph 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.
- Matt 8:22 But Jesus *said to him, "Follow Me, and allow **the dead to bury their own dead.**"

* McCalley

22 But now, having been freed from the sin and having been enslaved to God, you are having your fruit resulting in sanctification, and the consummation, life eternal. Wuest/Interlinear



But now – in contrast to verse 21



All three aspects of sanctification are presented:

- Positional
- Conditional
- Ultimate

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But now – in contrast to “the things” you are now ashamed
1st - having been freed - to make free, deliverance from sin

- This is “the event” of salvation in a believer’s life and God did it [passive voice]
- John 8:36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.
- God the Son has made you free when you believed the gospel

from the sin – sin nature

- “the sin nature” is mentioned 16 times in Rom 6
- **freed from sin** or **died/dead to sin** is mentioned 6 times

Freed from sin or died/dead to sin in Rom 6



Romans 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Romans 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

Romans 6:10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Romans 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Romans 6:22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

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2nd - having been enslaved to God

enslaved - *doulóō* - in the pass., to be subjugated, subdued - to make a slave of," is rendered "enslaved" (to much wine) in Titus 2:3

- This is the event of salvation in a believer's life and God did it
- Parallel verses:
- Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you **became slaves** of righteousness.
- Rom 6:16b you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, **or of obedience resulting in righteousness?**

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you are having - *échō* - to have, to hold, - continuous action in the present time

your – you all – *lit*: concerning you

fruit – *karpos* - is used as follows:

- of the fruit of trees
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- **of advantage or profit in this verse**
- Phil 1:22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, **this will mean fruitful labor for me**; and I do not know which to choose.
- Phil 4:17 Not that I seek the gift itself, **but I seek for the profit [fruit] which increases to your account.**

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resulting in [or unto] sanctification

sanctification - means 'to set apart,' and then the state of being set apart*

- *hagiasmos* – 10 times in the NT
- 2 Thess 2:13b because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.
- The core idea is separation from the power of sin
- Conditional sanctification depends on (1) yieldedness to God, (2) separation from sin, (3) Christian growth*

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the consummation - *telos* - it means end, result; can mean final lot, ultimate fate

the – tells us this is a particular consummation which we are told at the end of the verse

eternal life

- This is the climatic outcome for all believers Vine
- Rom 5:21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Thoughts



- Next week we have the summary verse for this section of Romans 6.
- Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

