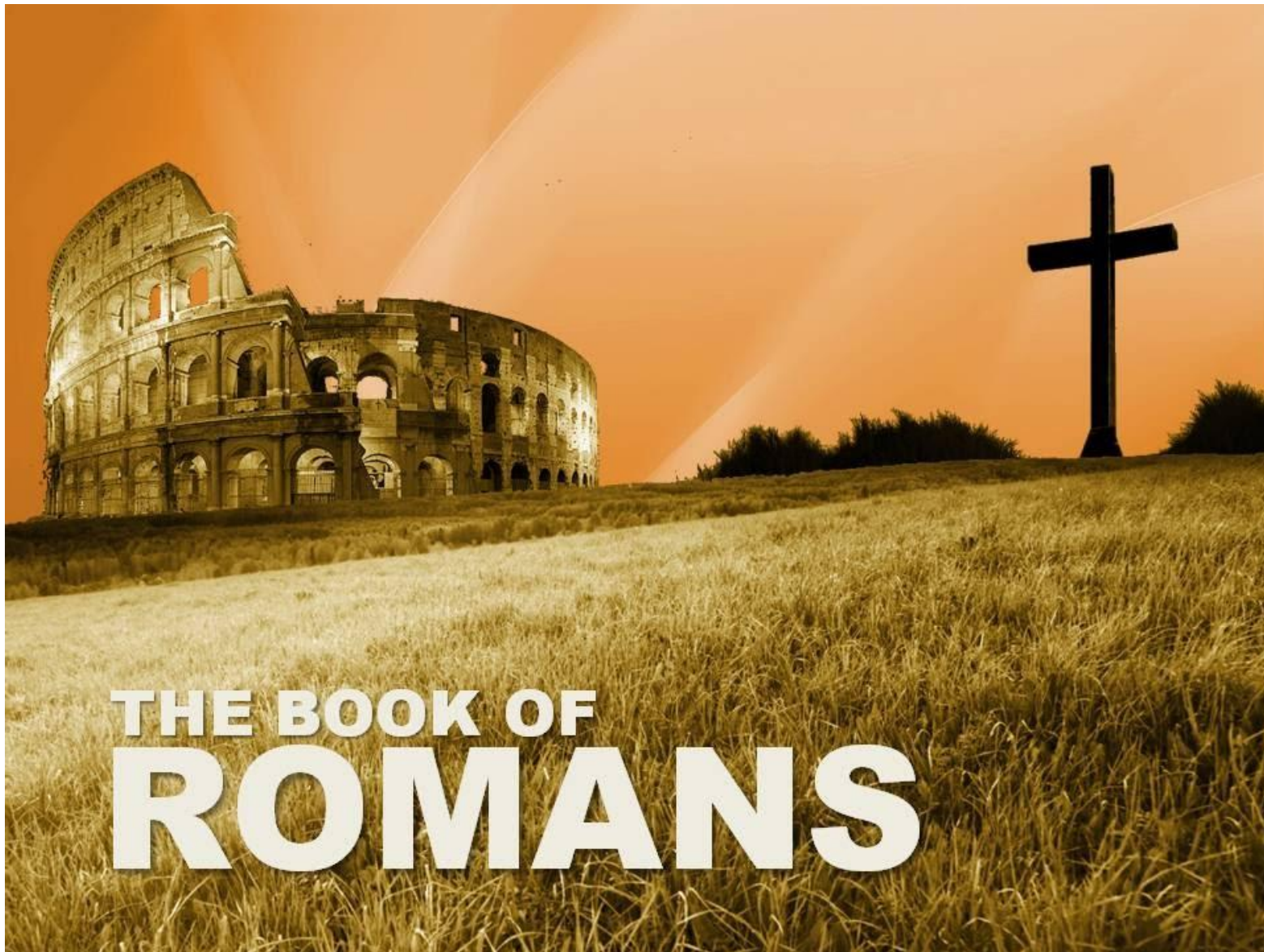


# Rom 6:21-22 Freed From Sin and Bondslaves to God



# Romans 6 Overview\*



**Information** v:1-10  
(on who the believer  
is in Christ)

Rom 6:6 **knowing this**, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin.

**Exhortation** v:11-14  
(on our union  
with Christ)

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

**Explanation** v:15-24  
(of our life in Christ)

Rom 6:22 But now, having been set free from the sinful nature and having been made bondslaves of God, **you are having your fruit resulting in holiness**, and the consummation, life eternal.

## Review – Overview of Rom 6:17 to 22\*



- These verses talk about the believer's transformation that has taken place based on Rom 6:1-14
- Three transformations have taken place in the believer's new life in Christ
- Verses 17 and 18 describe a transformation of **the believer's relationship [slavery and freedom]**
- Verses 19 and 20 describe a transformation of **the believer's conduct [presenting yourself]**
- Verses 21 and 22 describe a transformation of **the believer's benefit [or fruit]**

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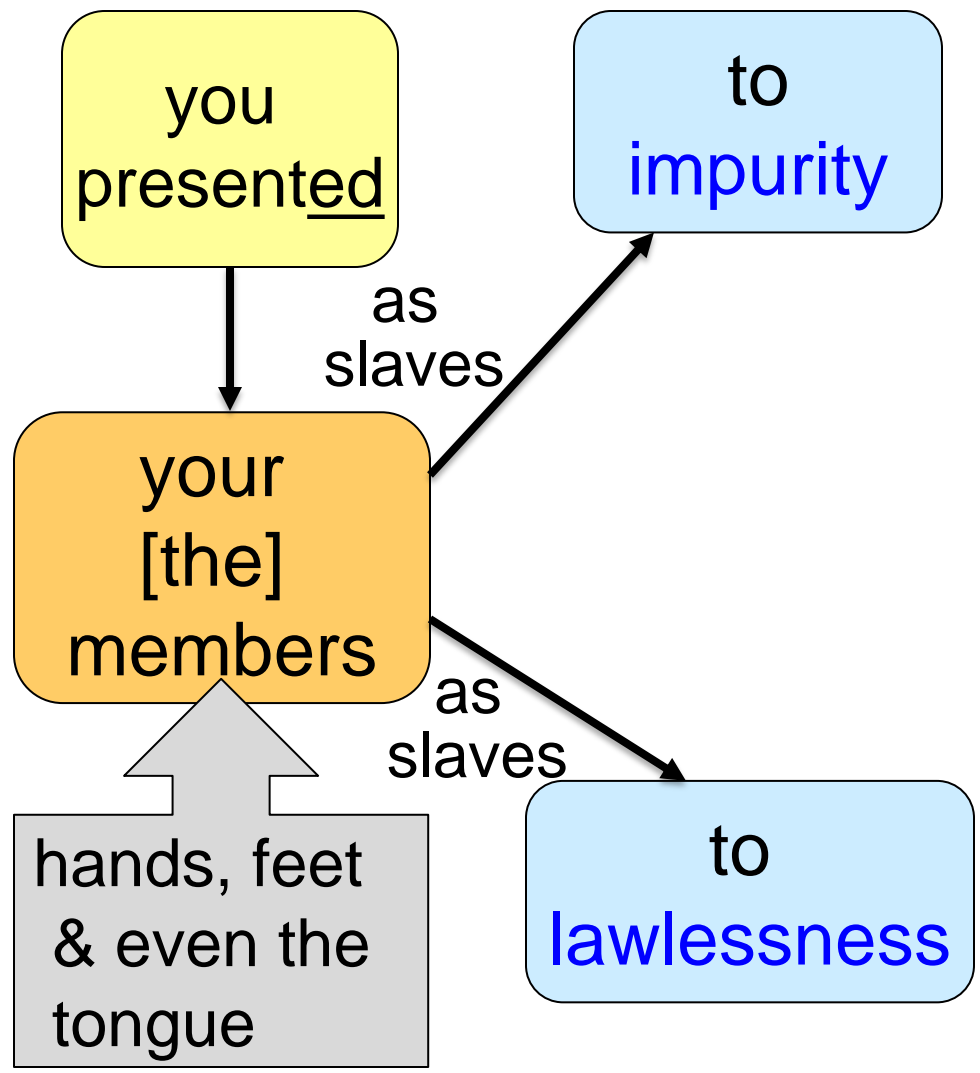
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- Paul says he's continually speaking in the present
- *anthrōpinos* - belonging to man (his manner, custom and nature)
- I am using an illustration drawn from human affairs Wuest
- **because of** – tells us the reason for this language
- **weakness** - *asthénéia* - can mean general inability, frailties
- **of the flesh** – the sin nature
- The questions of Rom 6:1 and Rom 6:15 show a weakness of man's sin nature



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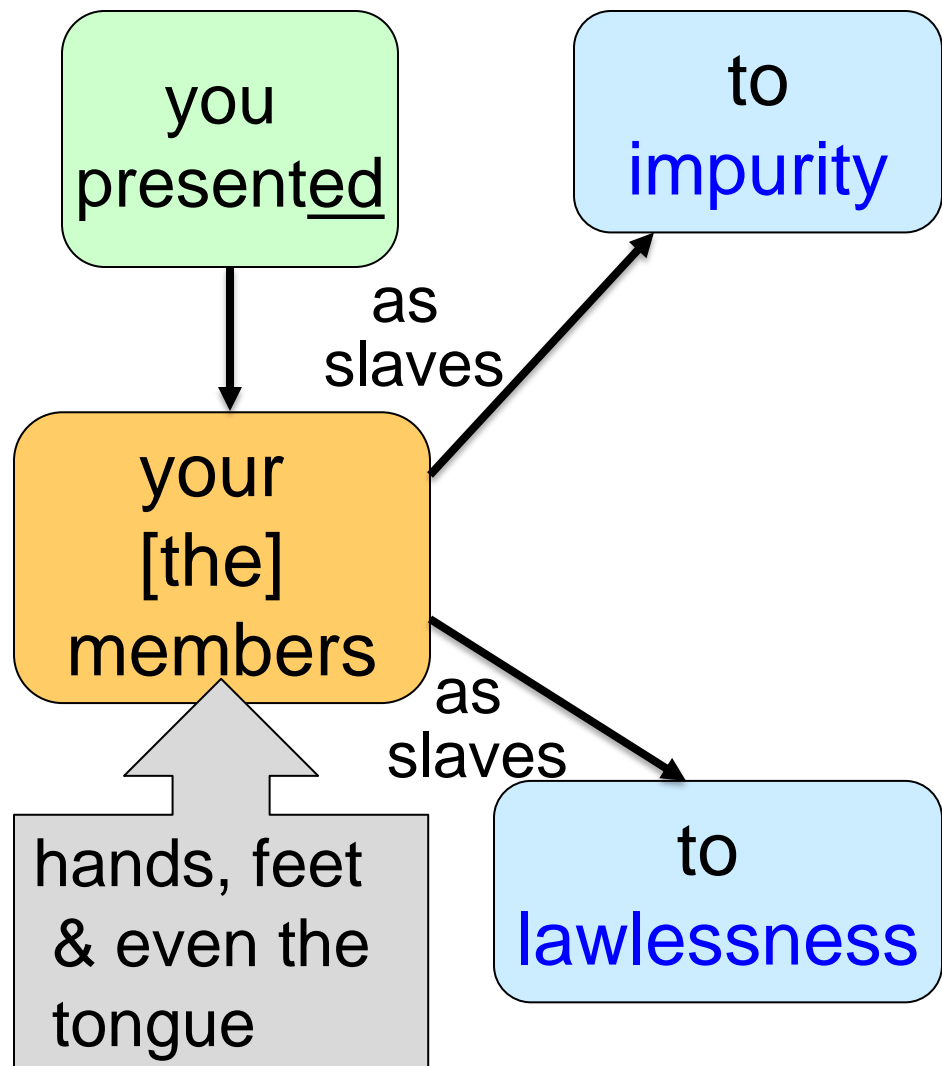


- you presented – to set before someone; yield, exhibit – aorist, active
- impurity - *akatharsia* - moral uncleanness, lewdness, unrestrained
- Gal 5:19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,
- lawlessness - *anomia* - in the NT it means not the absence of the Law, but the violation of Law





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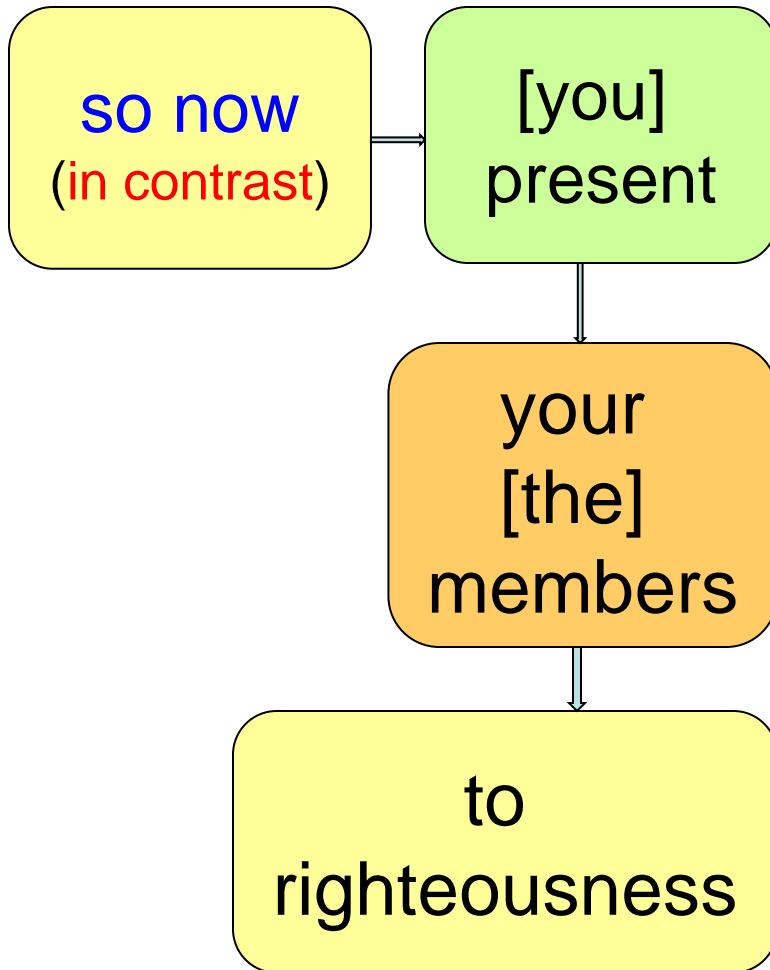


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- In the life of an unbeliever, you went from one depth of sin to another

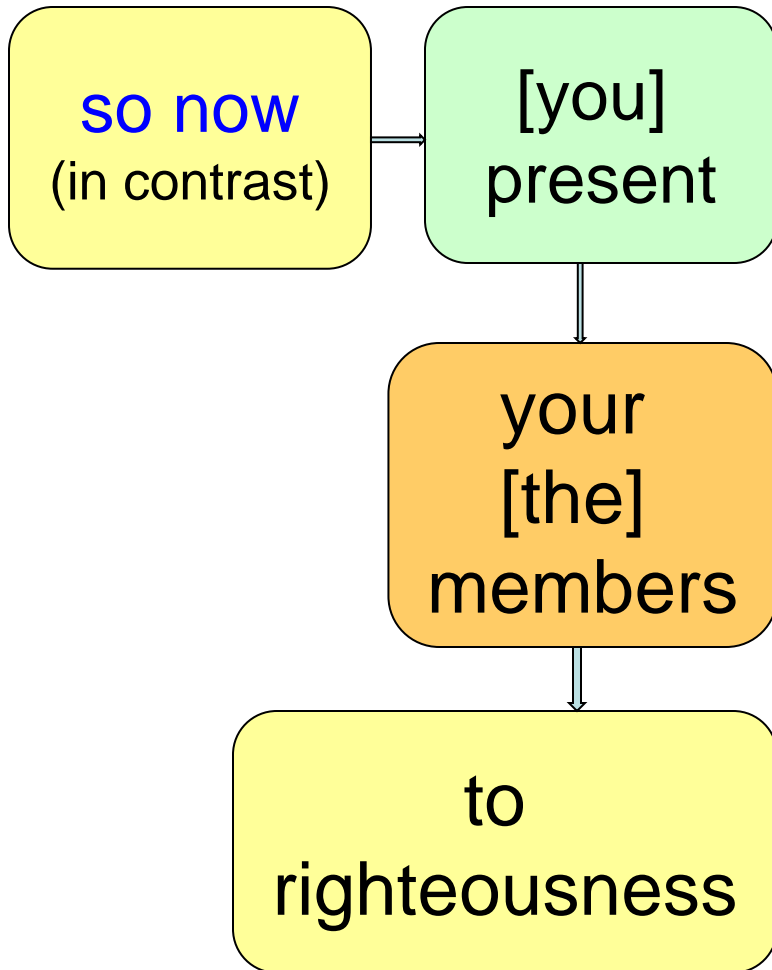
1 John 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

<sup>19c</sup> **so now** present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.



- aorist tense – this was an event in the believer's life
- imperative – God's will
- active – you do it
- You do this as you live the Christian life
- You walk in the light as He is in the light
- You abide in Me [Christ]
- These same members can now be used for righteousness

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- Again, we have an increasing and deepening progression
- The idea is that we are growing in grace and the knowledge of Him
- In sanctification you are being delivered from the power of the sin nature to righteousness



# 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.

<sup>20</sup> 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* – the state in which someone continually exists
- imperfect tense – is continuous action in past time
- The believer was then a *doulos* to his sin nature
- **you were** – same verb and tense
- **free** - freedom from restraint and obligation; lit: had no relation to it
- free with respect to [had no relation to] righteousness Wuest
- Isa 64:6b And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.

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

Interlinear



Therefore

what fruit  
had you  
then

- based on the lack of God's righteousness (i.e. 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

**had you** - *echo* - to have – imperfect tens.

- you were continually having no fruit

**then** - *tote* - denoting "at that time"

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

21 Therefore what fruit had you 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* - of time, the immediate present, in contrast to the past  
**you are ashamed** - *epaischynomai* – to bring shame upon oneself, to be ashamed of - present, indicative, middle

- Why ashamed now?
- There seems to be a grave but cutting irony in this allusion to their old condition, when the only freedom they knew was in respect to righteousness! They were slaves of sin, and had nothing to do with righteousness!

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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

**is death** – the core idea is separation

- There is no fruit in sin\*
- Sin has only one product: death (separation from God)\*
- In past time you were totally occupied with death\*
- Eph 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.

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



**But now** – in contrast to the things which you are now  
ashamed

**1<sup>st</sup> - having been freed - *eleuthero*** - to make free, is used  
of deliverance from sin - aorist, passive

- This is the event of salvation in a believer's life
- 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





**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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2<sup>nd</sup> - [having been] enslaved - *douloō* - to make a slave of  
(aorist, passive, participle)

to God

- being a slave is mentioned in Rom 6:16 – 22

16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as **slaves for obedience**, you are **slaves of the one whom you obey**, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God that though **you were slaves of sin**, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been freed from sin, **you became slaves of righteousness.**



## More verses on being a slave:

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**you have the fruit of you resulting in sanctification** Interlinear

**you have** - *échō* - to have, to hold, (present tense, continuous action)

**the fruit of you** – the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.)

- Since you are having “the fruit” you must be walking by the Spirit; Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

**resulting in [or unto] sanctification**

- The idea is separation from the power of sin
- This verse (Rom 6:22) states the positional aspect
- While Rom 6:11 states conditional aspect (Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.)

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

eternal life

- This is the climatic outcome for all believers
- 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 Rom 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.