

Life in Christ

Scripture Reading — Romans 6:15-23

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. — Romans 6:23

It seems some Christians in Rome may have been suggesting that if the law is no longer the master, then the law shouldn't be a big deal. If I were Paul, I might have been banging my head on the table, muttering, *Don't they get it?*

Apparently they didn't get it. That's why God inspired Paul to write this to them, and then gave it to us—because we don't always get it either.

God is pretty intentional—and intense—about helping us understand the problem of sin. So Paul again points out that it's the law that helps us gain that understanding. God's intent is not that we just disagree with sin; God wants us to understand that sin messes up who we are and how we connect with God and each other. God wants us to recognize that if nothing is done, sin will increasingly separate us from God until finally it separates us forever.

Satan, on the other hand, wants us to ignore that fact and to let sin destroy us.

Today's verse is not just a biblical truth. It reveals God's desire and his offer of life. Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

That's why I must take sin seriously.

Prayer

Lord, you came so that we can have life to the full. Forgive me for the ways I rob myself of that fullness. I desire to follow you. For your name's sake, Amen.

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