

Romans 6-7
Sunday July 7, 2019

Romans 6:1-23 (NLT, pg. 939)

Rhetorical question #1: Romans _____.

Rhetorical question #2: Romans _____.

Romans 6:23 (NLT) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7:1-6 (NLT, pg. 939-940)

Romans 7:4 (NLT) So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God.

Because you have joined the journey of faith, you now get to _____ what destination you are journeying toward.

Romans 7:5 (NLT) When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death.

Evil desires and sin are taking you on a journey toward _____.

Romans 7:6 (NLT) But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.

Living in the Spirit and good deeds will take you on a journey toward _____.

Romans 7:7-13 (NLT, pg. 940)

Rhetorical question #3: Romans _____.

Rhetorical question #4: Romans _____.

Romans 7:14-25 (NLT, pg. 940)

Keys to finding victory over sin:

1. Know what you are really _____.

James 1:13-15 (NLT, pg. ???) And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

2. Focus on where you are going, not where you _____.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT, pg. ???) No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

3. Remember who your _____ is.

John 8:34-36 (NLT, pg. ???) Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

Final Thought: The struggle against sin is a part of every person's faith journey; but victory and freedom come through God's power of transformation. Are you living a life of _____?

Romans 6-7 Discussion Questions

“The struggle is real” has become a common phrase in our society. What is something (silly or serious) that you constantly struggle with in your daily life? How have you been able to find victory of the struggle? Explain. Read Romans 7:14-25. This passage can seem confusing at first, and yet is a very honest confession regarding the struggle we have with sin. In your own words, explain the concepts Paul presents.

Of the three keys to finding victory over sin (Know what you are really fighting, Focus on where you are going, not on where you have been, and Remember who your master is), which one has helped you the most in your faith journey? Which one do you need to focus on the most right now? Explain.

Read Romans 6:20-23. These verses describe the transformation that happens when we first accept Christ into our lives. Does this description describe your experience as a follower of Jesus? Why or why not? What does it mean to be a slave to something? Explain. How do these concepts apply to those around us that are not believers? How can/should it effect how we interact with and show them who Jesus really is? Explain. “We can’t expect non-Christians to act like Christians.” How does this statement apply to our expectations of people within our church?

True freedom from sin starts with our inner thoughts and motivations, and then comes out in behavior. Read Philippians 4:4-9. How can this passage help you to move forward in your faith journey? What can you change in your day to day life this next week to more fully live out these verses?