

Sin's Domination

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“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace” (Romans 6:14).

Sin has a **dominating** power, and those who *love* sin are lorded over by it. And while *denying* its power, men are enslaved to sin! Look at all the ways by which men are dominated by sin — sexual addictions(?), drugs, alcohol, money, etc. You can *regularly* watch TV shows that deal with man's sins, but never call them that.

Thank God, Christians have been freed from sin's domination, and choose to present their bodies as instruments for righteousness (Rom. 6:13). We **choose** not to sin because we would rather have the freedom in life and the godly fruit that accompanies righteousness (Rom. 6:16).

In the eyes of the world, sin is not a hideous thing. It has **fleeting pleasure**, for which some would sell their souls! Moses chose to suffer affliction with the people of God than to “*enjoy the passing pleasures of sin*” (Heb. 11:25). Moses knew that whatever pleasure sin gave him, it was not worth the consequences.

Sin brings wages. “*The wages of sin is death...*” Romans 6:23. Spiritual, eternal death is the ultimate price of sin. But like a canoe floating downstream toward a disastrous waterfall, many are oblivious to the approaching danger in eternity. God has warned us that sin is connected to death, corruption, the undying worm, weeping and gnashing of teeth, and a lake of fire. We need to pay attention now.

Sin is deceitful. “*But exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin*” (Hebrews 3:13). Sin constantly promises joy, fulfillment, and satisfaction — but it never keeps its promises! It makes men believe that darkness is better than light, and that there is more liberty in serving self than in serving God. But its paths lead to death and hell.

Sin's remedy. Jesus “*...bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed*” (1 Peter 2:24). There is no greater cure than the love and forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ!

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