

I. What Were We Like? "You Were Free"

Romans 6:19-20 19 I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, **you were free** from the control of righteousness.

A. Slavery to sin

B. Free from righteousness

C. Impurity

D. Ever-increasing wickedness

1. Impurity refers to sin as it affects the individual. It means personal defilement, particularly by sins that are opposed to chastity.
2. Wickedness refers to violation of the divine or human laws.

II. What Are We Like? "You Are Weak"

Romans 6:19 I put this in human terms because **you are weak** in your natural selves.

A. The meaning

1. Physical
2. Spiritual

B. The difference between wickedness and weakness

C. The cause of weakness

1. Deficiency
2. Dividedness

III. Can We Overcome? "Just as"

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IV. How Can We Overcome? "Because You Are Weak"

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V. What Does It All Mean? A Summary

A. Two paths in human history

Romans 6:21-22 21 What benefit did you **reap** at that time from the things you are now **ashamed** of? Those things result in **death!** 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

1. "Reap"
2. "Ashamed"

B. Two paths in life for you

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

1. Wages vs. gift
2. Death and eternal life
3. In Jesus Christ