Romans 6:23 (KJV)

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Shalom, beloved of God! Welcome to this study of the Word of our Lord. As many of us already know, there is no true life outside of Jesus Christ. He alone is the reason we are alive today. We live because of Him, and even when we die, we die for Him.

The Bible tells us:

Romans 14:7-9 (KJV)

> *“For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.*
> *For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.*
> *For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.”*

Jesus Christ alone has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. While the Bible does refer to Satan as “the god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4), it is important to understand that this authority is temporary and permitted granted under the sovereignty of God. His rule is not independent; it is allowed for a limited time, and one day his license to operate will expire.

Satan’s Limited Authority

Satan rules by permission, not by right. Like in the story of Job, he cannot do anything without divine consent (Job 1:6–12). A time will come when Satan will be bound for a thousand years to make way for the peaceful reign of Christ on earth (Revelation 20:1–3). After that, he will be released briefly, then cast into the lake of fire forever (Revelation 20:10).

This shows us the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all creation every being, seen and unseen, is under His dominion. Nothing is outside His control.

Matthew 28:18 (KJV)

> *“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”*

“The Wages of Sin”

One day, I walked past a grain milling area and noticed some corn kernels that had fallen near a drainage ditch. Surprisingly, some of them had started sprouting. That sparked a deep thought in my heart: *Why are they growing even though no one intentionally planted them?*

Then I realized: Whatever a person sows, they will surely reap whether planted knowingly or unknowingly. This is a divine law.

Intentional and Unintentional Sowing

We often think a farmer is only the one who sows deliberately. But even a person who accidentally drops a seed becomes a sower. Whether knowingly or unknowingly, that seed will grow, and in time, there will be a harvest.

In the same way, we also “plant seeds” in our lives through our

actions, our thoughts, our words whether we know it or not.

Galatians 6:7–8 (KJV)

> *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*
> *For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”*

Whether you are aware or not, every act produces a harvest. Good seeds bring blessings. Bad seeds bring destruction.

Sin Has a Paycheck: It Is Called Death

If you engage in sin whether knowingly or unknowingly the outcome is the same. The wages of sin is death. Not because God is unfair, but because sin, by its very nature, leads to destruction. Like two people who both planted corn one on purpose and one by accident they will both see the harvest come.

- If you are sexually immoral, an adulterer, a thief, addicted to pornography,

masturbating, abusing drugs, slandering others, or committing abortions you are planting seeds.

- Whether you know these things are sinful or not, the harvest will come.
- The end result is death spiritual death, physical destruction, and eternal separation from God if not repented of.

Ignorance Is Not Exemption

Think about how earthly law works. If someone rapes a student, the government doesn't ask if the person knew it was a crime. Justice is blind to ignorance. You are punished based on what you did, not on what you knew.

The same applies in the spiritual realm. God does not mock. You will reap what you sow, whether you knew it or not.

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Notice the Bible does not say "the punishment for sin is death" it

says wages.

Wages are not punishments; they are payments.

If you work for sin, your salary is death.

In the same way, Jesus also says:

Revelation 22:12 (KJV)

> *“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”*

Judgment Day is not about simply announcing punishments it’s about issuing rewards. Whether you worked for sin or for righteousness, you will receive what you earned.

Hope in Christ

So, my dear brother or sister reading this if you are living in sin,

whether intentionally or unknowingly you must understand: life outside of Jesus Christ is like scattering seeds on the roadside and walking away. But those seeds will still grow. And one day, they will yield a harvest whether of death or life.

But there is hope!

The second half of Romans 6:23 says:

> *“...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

This means you can trade your “wages” for a gift. You don’t have to earn death you can receive life, not by works, but by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus died and rose again so that you wouldn’t have to die eternally.

The Time to Choose Is Now

The Bible says:

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (KJV)

> *“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not…”*

Don’t wait for a time when you can no longer seek Him. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart. Surrender your life to Jesus Christ. Repent of your sins. Trust in His finished work on the cross. He alone can give you eternal life.

It is my prayer that the Lord grants you the grace to understand this truth, to turn from sin, and to pursue righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ.

May God bless you richly as you choose the path of eternal life.

Amen.

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