

# WELCOME TO OUR FIFTH SERIES OF FAMILY LESSONS

Throughout the Series you will find:

1. Various ways to pray
2. Relationship building with others
3. Connections with Christian community
4. Mission and outreach

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## WEEK #5 (7- 25-21) Sanctifying Grace

**KEY WORDS:** RIGHTEOUSNESS (*means being RIGHT with God*)

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

### **SCRIPTURE: Romans 6:15-23 NIV (Slaves to Righteousness)**

15 *What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. 19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 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 of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

### **APPLICATION/MESSAGE**

The first part of our memory verse says this: **“For the wages of sin is death.”** If I go to work everyday I earn a paycheck or **wages**. If I get an allowance for doing my chores I work hard to earn money. The same is true if I babysit or mow grass for someone else. That's what I call the money I earn: **wages**. But how many of us remember that **our sin brings a form of payment as well?** A consequence. The payment is death and then eternal separation from God's love. In other words, if you want to “work” at sinning, you will get a “paycheck” and it's wages or

consequence will be separation from God's love *forever*. However, when we have said YES to God and believe that his Son, Jesus died in our place, we are no longer separated from God's love. In this case, our hearts are right with God. We are RIGHTEOUS!

God does not want us to live or die while still in sin. He wants us to experience **His gift of eternal life**. He wants us to feel His love, and no matter our life's circumstances, to know He walks with us in and through EVERYTHING we may have to face. This is the second part of our memory verse.

We can do that here on earth through God's "**sanctifying**" GRACE. This is when God works **IN US** (*our hearts and lives*) by the Holy Spirit. This begins to happen after we say YES to God. We begin growing in our faith and as a follower (disciple) of Jesus Christ.

How does this work? It is a special "mystery" of God. His Spirit works in us as we **Pray** - talk and listen to him, **Worship** - praise him through music, **Study his Word**- the Bible, **Spend time with other followers**, and spend time devoted to Him. His Spirit begins to clean our hearts, minds, souls, and strength to help us to become more Christ-like (*spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically*) This is **working out our salvation** or being delivered from sin and its consequences. What do you do with your best friend or someone you care deeply about? You spend time with them, talking and listening. We can do the same things with God. As a matter of fact, God created humans to be in communication with Him.

**Here are the lyrics to a song that describes the close relationship you can have with God. It's called "In the Garden". Read the lyrics, then google it on YouTube and sing along.**

**In the Garden** (*Songwriters: C. Austin Miles, Robert Hebble*)

I come to the garden alone /While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear/ The son of God discloses

CHORUS: And he walks with me / And he talks with me /And he tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there /None other has ever known

I'd stay in the garden with him Though the night around me is falling

But he bids me go /Through the voice of woe /His voice to me is calling (*to the CHORUS*)

**PRAYER:** Dear God, as I read several of these verses from the Bible listed below, tell me what You want me to do in my life as Your hands, feet, and heart. In Jesus' holy name. Amen

***(Did you know that you can pray Scripture? You can look in some of our past lessons or in your bible for Scriptures that touch your heart and talk to God about them. You can listen with your heart to hear what he wants to share with you. Here are some Scriptures (Crosswalk.com) you can read and pray about. If you need ideas, PICK ONE OR 2 OF THESE WORDS AND THINK ABOUT WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO LEARN. Then the next time pick 1-2 new words and their verses to think about.)***

**Belief** – "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household."

[Acts 16:31](#)

**Blessing** – "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." [Numbers 6:24-26](#)

**Courage** – "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." [Joshua 1:9](#)

**Encouragement** – “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

[Ephesians 4:29](#)

**Faithfulness** – “Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.” [1 Sam. 12:24](#)

**Favor** – “For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.” [Psalm 5:12](#)

**Forgiveness** – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” [1 John 1:9](#)

**Fruitfulness** – “But the [fruit of the Spirit](#) is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” [Galatians 5:22-23](#)

**Godly Relationships** – “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.” [Prov. 13:20](#)

**Grace** – “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” [2 Corinthians 13:14](#)

**Honesty** – “And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” [John 8:32](#)

**Joy** – “...for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” [Nehemiah 8:10](#)

**Kindness** – “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” [Ephesians 4:32](#)

**Love** – “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God.” [1 John 3:1](#)

**Purpose** – “[For I know the plans I have for you](#), declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you hope and a future.” [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

**Salvation** - “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” [John 3:16](#)

**Strength** – “Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” [Ephesians 6:10-11](#)

**Thankfulness** – “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” [Colossians 3:17](#)

**Trust** – “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

**Value** – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” [Ephesians 2:9](#)

**SONGS** Kids Worship Songs: “Mighty To Save”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yPN\\_q4BzQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yPN_q4BzQ)

All ages: “Forgiveness” @ <https://youtu.be/YwK2tmpNpcc>

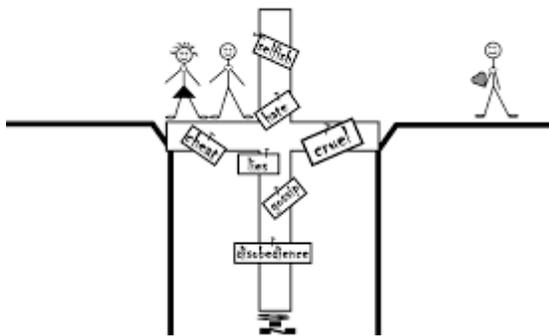
## **CHILDREN AND/OR GROUP HANDS ON ACTIVITY:**

**DRAW THE MEANING:** Can you explain the picture below? This is how you can explain how Jesus has changed your life. You can also draw it for a friend as you explain how Jesus became your friend. First draw each side of a “mountain cliff.” Put yourself and your friend on one

side. Put Jesus and a heart on the other. Then, in the middle of the mountain, place good “works” to help you reach the other side where Jesus is standing. Show them all “falling short” or falling down between the two sides. (*Because no amount of good works can “save” us.*) Then draw a bridge in the shape of a cross to get from one side to the other. Notice that the cross stamps out the word sin. On the cross you can write some of the “sins” you might struggle with. Then, you can show you and your friend only reaching the other side with Jesus **by faith in the cross**.

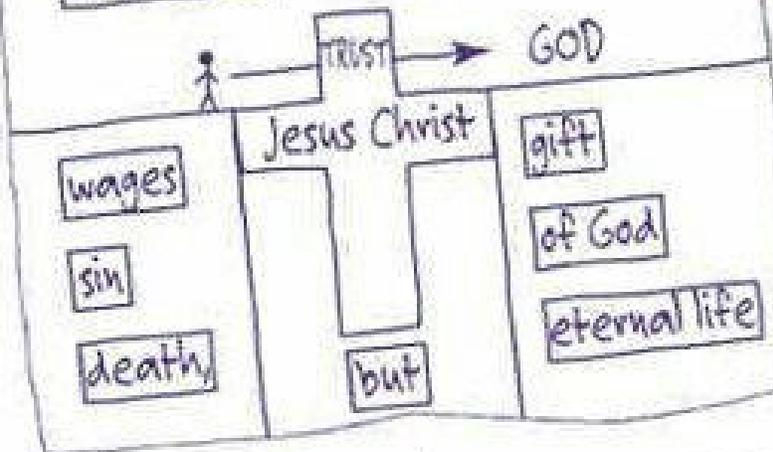
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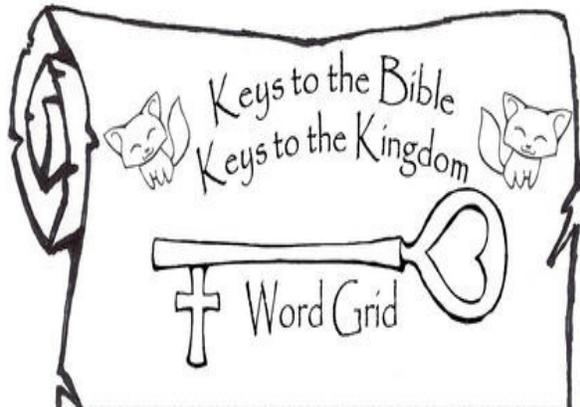
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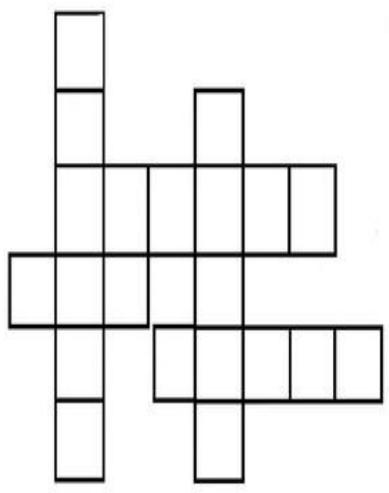
## **CHILDREN AND/OR GROUP OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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





Fill all the words in the grid so that all the words are used.



Romans sin spirit death wages



Match the numbers to the correct letter to find out what Romans 6:23 says.

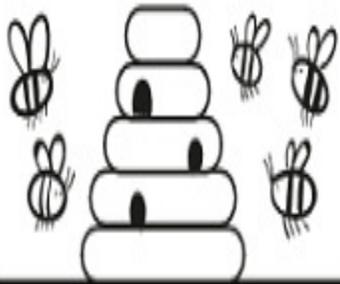
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## Romans 6:23

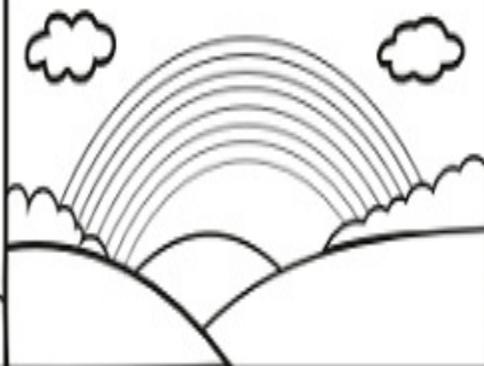
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For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God  
is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 6.23**