

Sunday Service ~ November 23, 2025

Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church

Welcome & Prayer

"If the Lord had not been on our side— let Israel say— 2 if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us, ³ they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us; ⁴ the flood would have engulfed us the torrent would have swept over us, ⁵ the raging waters would have swept us away. ⁶ Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. ⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. ⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Let us pray. Dear Lord and Father of mankind thank you that we can come to you for help in our time of need. We come this morning to praise you for your power and for your passion, your sovereignty and your sincerity, your faithfulness and your fellowship, your control and your care. Where else can we go to for help? Who else is able to save us from our sin? From ourselves? From our world? From all that is around us? But you. You alone are worthy of our worship. You alone are the one we want to live for. You alone are the one whom we can trust. So, we turn away from all other distractions and come to you. We place our sins before you and ask for forgiveness. We offer ourselves to you as living sacrifices, wholly & pleasing to you and you alone. May this be our spiritual act of worship this day & may you again become our God, our father and our friend. Amen.

Song – Let your kingdom come <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kjMaYqhQnw>

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| <p>1. Your glorious cause, O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come</p> | <p>2. Give us Your strength, O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your gospel
Till our dying breath</p> |
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Chorus
Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that everyone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Bible Reading – Romans 6:1-14 (NIV)

"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has

mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”

Announcements

Focus for Month: Service. Is there something you can do to help serve your fellow Christians within the Church? Could you help out by setting up the Church, do some cleaning, teach Kids Church, help with a bible reading, be involved in the youth group, do some visiting, go on the meal roster, be a prayer warrior, help out with photocopying? There are thousands of ways to serve. Wouldn't it be great if we all found at least one avenue of service next year?

New City Catechism:– Question 48 Q: What is the Church? A: God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another. **Bible Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 2:13 *“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.”*

Funds for fit out. If you indicated that you would like to help finance the proposed fit out, then please note that our Church bank account is (BSB 062 829, A/c 1019 4850). Please mark “Building Project in the description) If anyone else would like to make a contribution toward the rest of the fit out (some \$38,000) that would be greatly appreciated!

Help Needed. At present the redevelopment should be finished by mid-December. That means in the week or so before and after Christmas (and maybe in early January as well!) we will need to clean, paint and move back in before we physically move our Church services back to our Charlestown Church. There will be a lot of work to be done and how quickly we move back in will be determined by how much volunteer work we can all do. So, in the next few weeks the emphasis will move from the Construction Working Committee, the Fit out Committee and the Committee of management (who have been doing the bulk of the work over the last 9 months) to you and I. So please keep some time up your sleeves to make yourself available in mid to late December. More details in the next couple of weeks.

Save the dates!

- **Kids Church Presentation** Sunday 7th December 2025
- **Church Camp** 6-8th March 2026. Tahlee. Rego open soon.

Finances for October

Budget offerings for October	\$37,583
Actual Offerings for October	\$36,562
Deficit for October	\$1,021
Surplus for January to October	\$20,246

We are so thankful for those who generously give to the work of the Church week in, week out. This year (and the coming years) will stretch us financially as we seek to update our buildings and much of our Church equipment. But if people keep being generous (as they have been) then it will enable us to pay our regular costs plus pay of the loan for our redevelopment. Let's keep looking to do God's work in God's way and he will ultimately provide us with the means to do that.

Pastoral Prayer

Pray for Brunei (Population ~ 456,000, Christians ~ 55,600) Conversion from Islam is illegal, and pressure is intense for every Christian. Pray for believers in Brunei that they will be able to read and study God's Word

freely. Praise God that some churches can gather, even though their situation is dangerous. Pray that the monarchy in Brunei will be open to the truth of Jesus.

Pray for TEARFUND. Millions of people depend on agriculture for their food and livelihoods, but challenges like climate change and conflict are threatening what farmers can grow, eat and sell. Pray for hope for farming families, for access to the resources and skills they need for better economic and nutritional outcomes. Pray that rich Christians will not forget their brothers and sisters in poorer nations.

Pray for the Swansea church. Praise God for the many faithful Christians that come each week to Church. Thank God for the weekly small groups and that there is a real keenness to grow in their knowledge of God and in their godliness. Give wisdom to Mal (elder), Robynne (deacon) & Anne (COM rep) as they as they commit themselves to the work that needs to be done in the Swansea Church. And pray for a desire to reach out to the non-Christians in the Swansea area with the good news of the gospel

Pray for the quiet revival going on in our nation and also in the UK, USA and France. It has been noticed by many denominational leaders that over the last 12 months or so there has been a rise in young people, especially males, coming into Church open to hearing the good news. Pray that Churches will preach the good news faithfully and care for those with a desire to learn. Thank God that we have seen some of these people come to our Sunday @ 6 service.

Bible Reading – Romans 6:15-23 (NIV)

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.”

Song – All my ways

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44mVzqGeS-Q>

In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor, Your word is true
That all my ways are known to You

No trial has come beyond Your hand
No step I walk beyond Your plan
The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to You

Chorus
And oh what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to You
Hallelujah, they are known to You!

I do not fear the final night
For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to You

Chorus

Bridge x4
Open up my eyes so I may see
That You have made these ways for me

Chorus x2

Sermon – Shall we keep on sinning? (Stephen)

Sermon link:

<https://www.charlestownpresbyterian.org.au/morningsermons/romans-6-shall-we-keep-on-sinning/>

In *The Fatal Shore*, Robert Hughes tells a haunting story from the early convict days of Australia. On one of the harsh island prisons off the east coast, life was brutal — a place of isolation, exhaustion, and despair.

One man, sentenced there for life, reached the point where he saw no reason to go on. But instead of ending his own life — something he feared would place him beyond God's forgiveness — he did something terrible. He killed another prisoner, knowing that this would send him back to Sydney to be tried and executed. His plan was simple and tragic: before his hanging, he would confess to a priest, receive forgiveness, and die "in peace."

When asked by the judge why he did it, the man replied that he was sick of life on the island, it was too hard, too brutal, and he saw no point in living. The judge replied, "I can see that. But why not drown yourself in the ocean? Why murder?" "Well, I figure it's like this", said the prisoner. "I'm a Catholic. If I commit suicide, the Catholics tell me I'll go straight to hell. But if I murder, I can come back here to Sydney and confess to a priest before my execution. That way God will forgive me. God will still forgive me."

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Isn't it sad when bad theology affects how we live? The belief that suicide is the unforgivable sin is one example of that but so is using grace as a loophole to do whatever we want.

You see one of the problems of the Christian gospel, that you are saved by grace not by works, is that it is easy for this grace to be abused. Why bother changing your life, God will forgive you anyway! Why not get the best of both worlds, live a life of sin & you can still get eternal life by trusting in Jesus. If it is all about God's grace, it really doesn't matter if I sin or not, does it?

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Well, that's the issue that Paul turns to in Romans 6:1. *"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means!"* Certainly not! That's crazy talk! Because God's grace does more than just justify us before God, it also changes us as well.

1. (For) The Old Me – (is now) Dead to Sin (verses 1-7)

"We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" Sin's mastery over us is now dead and buried. When we became Christians, we attended a funeral service for the old me, where that part of our lives was placed 6 feet under. So, it's now completely gone. It's dead. It's buried, so don't try and bring the old you back to life.

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Now being dead to sin doesn't mean that we no longer sin nor that we no longer want to sin, it is that we **no longer have to sin**. Before we became Christians we were under the power of sin and that meant it ruled our lives. Now we might have thought we were free to do whatever we wanted but we weren't. Remember what I said a few weeks ago about total depravity?

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I quoted Presbyterian preacher Addison H Leitch who once said, "If sin were blue, part of us would be dark blue, part of us would be sky blue, part of us would be light blue but **every part of us would be blue** in some shade or another." That's because sin has affected and infected everything we once did. But for the Christian that infection is now gone. It died. Why visit its grave any longer? Because we were united with Christ in his death.

There's a great negro spiritual song, that asks the question *"Were you there when they crucified the Lord?"* The point being that the death and resurrection of Jesus was not just a historical event it was something that we should look at & view today in order to understand the depth of Jesus love for us. But this passage

from Romans 6 goes one step further & says, not only were we there when Jesus died but we actually participated in his death.

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3 “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

That’s how the power of sin was broken in our lives. Christ’s death happened when he was united to us which means he broke sin’s chains also for us. He then buried sin’s power far, far away from us. The power of grace is that it doesn’t just bring us to Christ but because we have participated in Christ’s death, grace destroys the power of sin over us. Grace doesn’t just remove sin from us, it buries sin. That’s why conversion is the end of the old me. You died to sin, it no longer owns you, so stop working for you old master!

Imagine a prisoner who has served his sentence and is released. The old warden no longer has authority over him. If the warden shouts an order, he need not obey—because he’s now free. Likewise, when sin calls out to us, we don’t have to answer. Its jurisdiction ended the moment Christ declared, “It is finished.”

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6 “For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.”

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I think it is helpful for us to think about ourselves as the old me and the new me. The old me was under the power of sin but the new me has been freed from its clutches. So, when temptation comes our way, we can say to ourselves, why would I want to do that? Why harbour that grudge? Why live that lie? Why watch that video? Why be so proud? Why spend all that money on that thing? That’s not who I am anymore. I’m a new creation. And I don’t want to forget what Jesus did for me & within me, to give me this new start. For this

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2. New Me – United to Christ (verses 8-14)

For the Christian life is not merely about *what we’ve left behind*—it’s also about *what we’ve entered into*.

*8 “Now if we died with Christ, we believe that **we will also live with him**. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.”*

We were not just there as a spectator to Jesus’ death & resurrection; we were a participant in both his death **and his resurrection**. Which means we were also raised with him, born again. So why would we want to go back? For we now have this fabulous union with Christ.

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Now this is one of the most amazing truths in the whole of Scripture. That the Christian is inseparately joined to Jesus, not just in Jesus’ death and resurrection but now today as we live our lives 24/7 in this world. The life we now live, the new me, is one that is no longer all alone, but is linked with Jesus, so that he now lives with us, helping us to live totally for God.

It’s a bit like when I went from a single man to a married man. Life completely changed. Not only did Kaylene replace almost all of my old and daggy furniture with her new and nicer furnishings, but more importantly she was my constant companion from that day on. She knows things I don’t know. She’s good at things I am not good at. She has experiences that I have never had, so my union with Kaylene makes me a truly better man.

But my union with Christ is like that but on steroids. I am now in perfect union with the perfect man, Jesus. Jesus is the only one who possesses God's wisdom. Jesus is the one who died on the cross for me. I now have this spiritual union with Jesus. I have constant access to his grace, that will both save me and sanctify me. That is why Paul says we should 11 *"count (y)ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

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12 *"Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life & offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace."*

Why would I want to go back to the grave and ask sin what I should do now? Why would I put on the prison uniform and go back to jail? Why would I want to keep living as a single man? There's a new life before me. A new me has been created. With Jesus so committed to my future and to your future that he wants to walk with us step, by step all the way to glory!

Which means, I don't want to sin anymore. Now as we will find out next week, that doesn't stop me from sinning or even prevent me from wanting to sin but **it is not who I am anymore**. I am no longer a sinner defined by my sin. I am a child of God. I have a union with Christ. I have inside of me God's promised Holy Spirit. That makes me a new me.

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In What's So Amazing About Grace, Philip Yancey recounts a story of a friend contemplating leaving his wife after 15 years of marriage for someone younger, fully aware of the pain it would cause his family and the spiritual cost of turning from God. Seeking assurance of God's forgiveness, the friend asks Yancey if God could forgive something so grievous. Yancey reflected carefully before answering, explaining that while God's forgiveness is always available, the real question is whether the person will genuinely desire it later, especially if repentance is required. Forgiveness is not God's problem—it is ours, and sin can create a distance from God that may be difficult to bridge.

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What Romans 6 is telling us is that the Christian, doesn't believe in cheap grace, where God will forgive everything that I do so I can keep living the way I want to live. But God's amazing grace transforms our lives and our loyalties. We realise that the new me has this wonderful union with Christ. And we want to live like Christ lived. We desire to rely on his wisdom, his power, his very presence in our lives so that from now on we want to live lives that please him. Now we don't always get it right and forgiveness is always available, but sin no longer has mastery over me, Christ does. I was saved from sin, not so that I can now do whatever I want to do but so that I can live a life free from sin's clutches. And that leads us lastly to ...

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3. The True me – slaves to righteousness (verses 15-23)

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?"*

Paul now takes an everyday illustration to show his readers how the true self works. That of slavery. It was estimated at that time that 1/3 of the people in the Roman empire were slaves and maybe even another 1/3 were former slaves. So, although the whole idea of slavery repulses us because it is so obviously wrong, it provided a really good illustration for the readers of the letter to the Romans as to why they should no longer want to sin.

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Now slavery is not a great illustration for us here in Australia because although there is such a thing as modern slavery, it is quite well hidden from our eyes and not something we can easily relate to. Maybe if

Paul was writing to us today, he might have talked about bosses at work telling us what to do & how company heads create a culture as to how we spend much of our waking hours while at work. That might be our nearest parallel.

But one thing about Roman slavery that we might not know is that many people when they fell into poverty would actually voluntarily sell themselves as slaves to either provide for their family or at least raise their standard of living. And here Paul is talking about two types of slavery that we might get ourselves into – being slaves to sin or slaves to righteousness.

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For no-one is completely free, they are all serving something. The poor man who was a slave to poverty could then sell himself and become a slave of his new master. And today we might be slaves to work, or to fun, to money, to fame, to attention but we all are controlled by what we value the most. And if what we value the most is not God, then we have replaced him and made something else our real master, our true god.

So, if the old me was a slave to sin and the new me is now united to Christ, that means the purpose of the true me from now on is to be a slave to God, to Christ, to righteousness and holiness. That means I have a new boss. It means we have replaced our former boss who only wanted the best for themselves with a new boss who wants the best for the Lord and for his people & so when we become his slave it is actually living the life that we were made to live. Which means, we have been transferred from a cruel slavery to a gracious slavery.

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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."

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Now do you like the idea of being a slave, even a slave to righteousness? It sounds so restrictive, doesn't it? It sounds the opposite of being free, which is something we Australians value today. Well let's think of a couple of examples where being a slave to someone or being controlled by someone or something is actually a really good thing.

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We all know it's so much better to have a good boss at work than a bad boss at work. A boss that cares about you, that wants to support you and back you and improve you, is a boss that you are willing to submit to. In the same way verse 18 says *"You have been set free from sin and have become slaves of righteousness."* We have set free from sin's power; the shackles have been broken so we now are free to do what is good and right. Our new Master Jesus shows us what it is like to forgive, to obey, to serve and sets us free to live like he lives.

And secondly this slavery can transform us into Christ's likeness. 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."* Being a slave to Jesus doesn't change your status, it changes your nature. The Spirit now lives within and the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. Growth in holiness now becomes possible.

Because our master Jesus does not leave the vine of our life to remain tangled and fruitless but ties us to the trellis, where we can grow upward strong and fruitful. But please note the trellis doesn't limit the vine, but its restrictions give it beauty and purpose and life.

Verse 22 again, *"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."* Slavery to sin leads to death but slavery to Christ

leads to life. The final reward of belonging to him is everlasting joy in his presence. Sharing in God's glory, not as slaves who cower, but as sons and daughters who reign with their master.

Being a slave to Christ then is not drudgery in the hope of some future payment, it's a life of joyful service the likes of which we were created for in the very beginning. Which means every act of obedience is a small taste of eternity awaiting the final feast. Everything we do for the Lord is both good for us and for his glory. Which means the chains of Christ don't lead to the grave but right into the presence of God's eternal glory.

That just means slavery to the right master brings us true freedom, it helps to produce character and holiness, it gives us direction and purpose and it truly is the best and safest place to be. Think of a small child wanting to cross a busy street. On their own it is dangerous & scary, but holding their parents hand gives them both dependence & security. Being slaves of Christ, of God, of righteousness is not something we should shy away, because whatever we serve will control us. But Christ's control is for God's glory & our good.

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23 *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* After all, sin is a master who always pays, on time and in full. The wages he pays "is death". Sin pays out exactly what we deserve in return for all the work that we do for him. But in contrast God's doesn't give us what we deserve, instead he gives us his good and gracious gift of freedom from sin, union with Christ, a new life that leads ultimately to eternal life.

So, which would you prefer, being a slave to sin and getting its wages, death; or a slave to Christ and getting an undeserved reward of his constant presence and an eternal walk with Him? I know what I would prefer!

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So, let's bring this home somewhat. Should we sin so that we can increase grace? Should we keep sinning because we are now free to do what we want? Absolutely not. Don't forget that old me is dead and buried, because of Jesus' death, his crucifixion & his burial. He gave his life to kill off the disease inside of us all that was leading us to death & destruction. Why would you want to hang around the cemetery when there is such an amazing life to live?

And don't forget that you are attached to Christ for a reason. To live the life of the new you. He's holding your hand as you cross the busy roads of life, he is connecting you to the trellis so you can grow and become more fruitful, he has broken the chains that were previously restricting you and holding you back. Do you want to displease him? Isn't it a good thing to live for him now as your master? Don't you want to live life to the full? Aren't you willing to be his slave because it will lead to holiness, righteousness and life itself?

You have left the graveyard; you have embraced God's grace and your headed for glory. That's the gospel journey we have started to travel down and it is the one that will lead to living life to the full.

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In 1888, Alfred Nobel woke up one morning to read his own obituary in the newspaper. The editors had confused him with his brother who had just died, but the headline stopped him cold: *"The Merchant of Death is Dead."* It described him as the man who had made his fortune through the invention, manufacture & sale of explosives, especially dynamite. That meant his product was helping people kill one another faster than ever before. Nobel was devastated. That was how the world saw him. That was the story of his life. Up until now.

But that morning changed everything. Nobel decided he didn't want that to be his legacy. He rewrote his will, gave away his fortune, and set up a series of prizes to honour those who would serve humanity and pursue peace. Today, when you hear his name, you don't think of the "merchant of death," you think of the "**Nobel Peace Prize.**" The story of his life was rewritten.

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That's what Paul is saying in Romans 6. When you come to Christ, you too read your own obituary — your old self has died with Him. The "merchant of sin" is gone. And by God's grace, a new story begins. You've been raised to walk in the newness of life. Your headline has changed: from *Slave to Sin* to *Servant of Christ*; from *Death's Domain* to *Grace's Glory*.

You see the Christian life isn't about taking God's grace and doing whatever we want from then on, it is about being dead to sin, that's the end of the old me. It's about being united to Christ, that the beginning of the new me and it's about being a slave to God, to Christ, to righteousness, so that the purpose of the true me shapes everything we do.

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Shall we keep on sinning? No way. Instead let's keep serving the one who gave his all to us.

Song – His glory and our good <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5nUTO4m9oA>

1. *I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good*

3. *See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good*

2. *There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith, I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good*

Chorus

4. *Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good*

Chorus

*To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good*

Chorus x2

Benediction. "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." (Romans 6:22-23)