



We Swim for Jesus!

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

Bible Verse for Week #22

Life Application notes

1. Actions have consequences. So it is with sin. And the ultimate consequence (“wages”) of sin is death, eternal separation from God. People don’t like to think about consequences. Many seem to believe that they can live any way they please, with immunity. But eventually they will reap what they have sown; they will be paid for the “work” they have done. Don’t fool yourself into thinking you can escape the punishment for your sins. Confess them to Christ.
2. The ultimate result of sin is death. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in Eden, their punishment was death, both physical and spiritual (Gen.3). Sin also leads to the death of others (see James 1:15). Consider the growing rates of murder, abortion, euthanasia, and suicide. Even a seemingly small sin can lead to anger, bitterness, and violence. The most profound consequence of sin, however, is eternal death – separation from God, our Life, forever. Don’t take sin lightly; it has terrible consequences.
3. Some may think that they’re not too bad because they haven’t committed any terrible sins, such as murder, adultery, or child abuse. In fact, by comparing themselves to others who are worse, they can seem to be pretty good. But all sins are horrible in God’s sight. Actually, the problem is not individual sins, but the sin nature, our self-centered attitude. And all people are sinners – we all fall short of God’s ideal see (Rom. 3:23). So no matter how much better than others we might be, we still stand condemned in our guild. But the good news is that we can be saved from our sins; we can have eternal life through Christ. Don’t excuse your sin; trust Christ.
4. God offers us eternal life through Christ. This eternal life means living with God forever after we die physically. But it also means having a new life now while we are alive on earth. Jesus said that He came to bring life, abundant and full (John 10:10). That means life with purpose, having a reason to live and seeing God work in and through us. Sin leads to death, but Christ leads to life. Have you been wondering what life is all about? Have you been searching for a meaning for your existence? Come to Christ.

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5. Paul explains that his eternal life through Christ is a gift. In other words, it is given freely by God to those who receive it. Gifts are not earned, nor can they be bought – they are accepted. Many people try to earn eternal life. They think that God will see all the good that they have done and then reward them accordingly. But without Christ, we stand condemned as sinner, no matter how good we are or how many good deeds we have done. God's gift isn't cheap – Jesus paid for it by dying on the cross. But His gift is easy to receive – we can obtain it by turning from our sins and trusting in Christ and what He did for us. God wants to give you a gift – take it, open it, receive it.
6. God's gift of eternal life comes to us only through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Other religions may have moral adherents, beautiful traditions, and profound teachings, but they are wrong. Jesus is the only way to heaven. Sincerity is also a commendable attribute, but being sincere won't bring eternal life to anyone - people can be sincerely wrong. Christ is the only way. Who do you know what needs to hear this wonderful message of God's gift of eternal life.

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