

is upon the hands of the one who has had the attitude that God condemns. The wages of sin is death. Eternal death, eternal suffering is the way of those who continue in sin, and refuse to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

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How wonderful it is that the verse does not end with the first part, "the wages of sin is death," but it goes on to the second, "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. The gift of God. In this room we assume that every one has accepted Him, we trust that everyone has. I shouldn't say we assume. I do not think we should assume that of anyone. Because God is not interested in the words we say. I say to nobody, You are saved. I don't think that I have a right to say that. I say, if from your heart you have accepted Christ, you are saved. But only God rules the heart. I can't see the heart. I don't know...6... God knows it, and the individual himself should...6..., and the individual can be deceived. He can say words, and think that he has God's favor, when he never from the heart has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord. The gift of God is salvation, justification ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ through Christ, here and now, and I ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ trust and hope that each one of us has accepted that wonderful gift, but for our present group, I think the seventh point is of even more importance, the relevance of the verse to the saved. The relevance to those who have been justified through Christ. The wages of sin is death, and we have been justified through our Lord Jesus Christ. God sees us in the person of His son, and yet we have not been fully sanctified, and God is not pleased with us, if we look with complacency upon any attitude of sin in our lives. There is much discussion among N.T. scholars, and among theologians about the passage I read you from the end of Romans 7. Is this a description of the unsaved man in his struggles? Or is it a description of the saved man and his struggles? I am glad that I am not a N.T. scholar, or a theologian, and don't have to make a decision. I simply say this. Whether it be a description of the ~~XXXXX~~ situation of the unsaved man and his troubles, or the situation of the saved man and his troubles, there is much in it that fits either one of them