**Romans Series April 23, 2023**

**The Free Gift of God - Romans 6:12-23**

1. Christians strive to **eliminate sin from their lives** Rom. 6:12-14

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 **God’s laws**,
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2. Christians strive to **live in obedience to God** Romans 6:15-16

* If you are a Christian, it should be obvious to the people around you because of your change in behavior
	+ Grace does not give us a license to continue to sin
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3. Christians strive to **follow God’s Word** Romans 6:17-18

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4 Christians strive to **use their minds and bodies to develop on-going spiritual growth** Romans 6:19-20

 Sanctification

* Being set apart by God, for His use, which results in on-going spiritual growth in life, character and conduct
	+ The believer becomes more focused upon God and His will over time

5. Christians receive **eternal life as God’s free gift** Romans 6:21-23

* In Romans 6:12-20 see the efforts of Christ followers are enabled **because of** God’s free and gracious gift!
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