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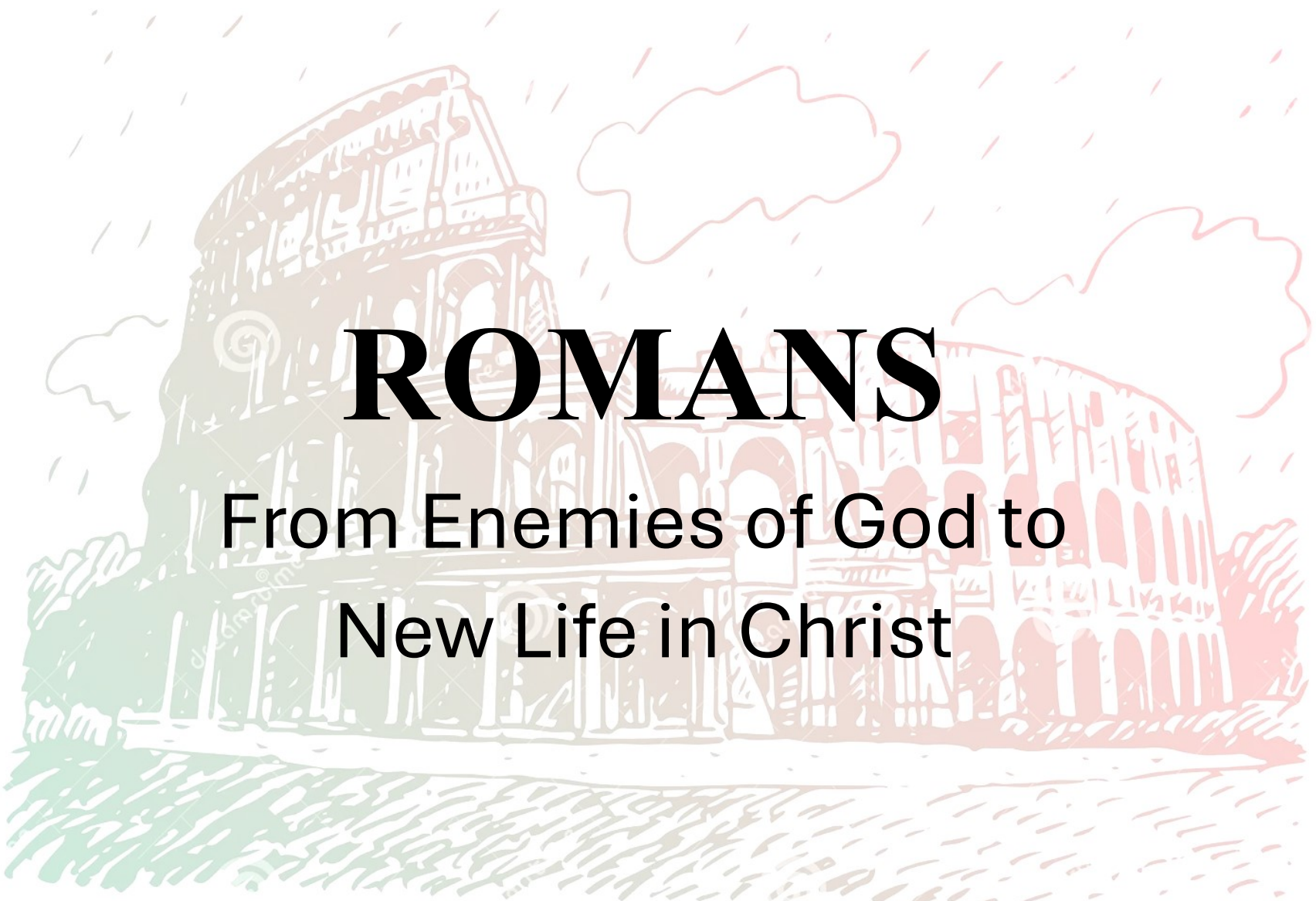
# SUNDAY SERMON

## From enemies of God to *new* life in Christ

Romans 6:1-7 (GNT)

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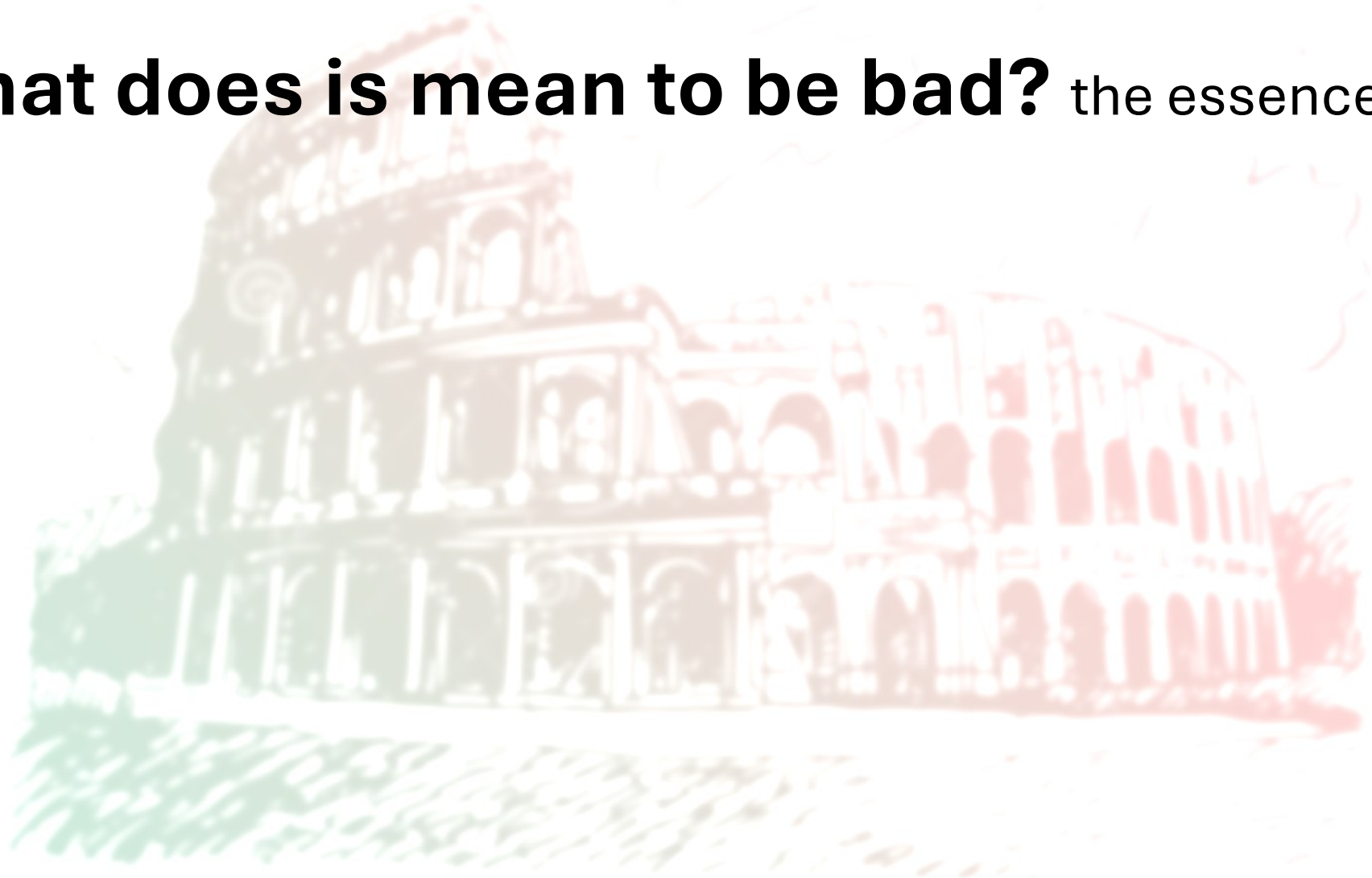


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**Romans 1: 21**

They know God, but they do not give Him the honor that belongs to Him, nor do they thank Him.

Instead, their thoughts have become complete nonsense, and their empty minds are filled with darkness.

**2. How are we bad?**

**3. What is the result of being bad?**

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### Romans 1

**24** ...people ... do the filthy things their hearts desire, and they do **shameful things** with each other..

**29** filled with all kinds of **wickedness**, evil, **greed**, and vice; they are full of jealousy, murder, fighting, **deceit**, and malice.

**30** They gossip and speak evil of one another; they are hateful to God, insolent, proud, and boastful; they think of more ways to do evil; they **disobey their parents**;

## 2. How are we bad?

### Romans 1

31 they have **no conscience**; they do not keep their promises, and they show no kindness or pity for others.

32 they approve of others who do them

For those who know (Jews)

22 you have learned from the Law to choose what is right,

23 You boast about having God's law - but do you bring shame on God by **breaking His law**

### 3. What is the result of being bad?

**Romans 1:18** The **wrath** of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness

**Romans 1:32** God's law says... people who live in this way deserve **death**.

**Romans 5:17** It is true that through the sin of one man **death** began to rule because of that one man.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is **death**...

# What is death?

**Eph 2:1** ESV 'And you were **dead** in the trespasses and sins' and

**Eph 2:4,5** ESV <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were **dead** in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved—

**Gen 2:16,17** ESV <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely **die**."



# Romans 3-8

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- 2. How do we become good?**
- 3. What happens when we become good?**

# Romans 3-8

## 1. How can we become good?

**Romans 3: 24** GNT...by the free gift of God's grace all are put right with Him **through Christ Jesus**, who sets them free. **25** God offered Him, so that **by His blood** He should become **the means by which** people's sins are forgiven through their faith in Him.

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**Romans 4:2 GNT** If he was put right with God by the things he did, he would have something to boast about - but not in God's sight.

**Romans 4:3 NIV** What does Scripture say?

**“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”**

**Romans 3:22** this righteousness from God comes through faith

**Romans 3:28** a man is justified by faith apart from the law

## 2. How do we become good?

James says in **2:18** 'show me your faith apart from your works and I will show you my faith by my works. He goes on 'you believe that God is one.. even the devils believe and shudder'.

**Romans 4:18** Abraham believed and hoped, **even when there was no reason for hoping**, and so became "the father of many nations." Just as the scripture says, "Your descendants will be as many as the stars."

**19** He was then almost one hundred years old; but his faith did not weaken when he thought of his body, which was already practically dead, or of the fact that Sarah could not have children

### 3. What happens when we become good?

**Romans 5:1** NIV Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Romans 6:4** By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and **shared his death**, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live **a new life**.

**Romans 6:12** Sin must no longer rule in your mortal bodies, so that you obey the desires of your natural self.

**Romans 6:19** says, once you presented your body as slave to impurity and lawlessness, leading to more lawlessness. Now present yourselves as **slaves to righteousness** leading to sanctification.



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*me* *lamb* *righteousness*

# A new Law – a new Power

**Romans 7:6** Now, however, we are free from the Law, because we died to that which once held us prisoners.

No longer do we serve in the old way of a written law, but in the new way of the Spirit.

- **5:9** ‘we have been justified by His blood’
- **5:10** ‘we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son’
- **5:11** ‘we received reconciliation’,
- **6:4** ‘we were buried with Him’
- **6:5** we were united with Him in a death like His.
- ‘we were saved’.



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# WORSHIP IN SONGS

Make me a captive, Lord



# **Make me a captive, Lord**

*Author: George Matheson (1890)*

**V1**

**Make me a captive, Lord,**

**And then I shall be free.**

**Force me to render up my sword**

**And I shall conqueror be.**

**I sink in life's alarms**

**When by myself I stand;**

**Imprison me within thine arms,**

**And strong shall be my hand.**

# **Make me a captive, Lord**

*Author: George Matheson (1890)*

**V2**

**My heart is weak and poor**

**Until it master find;**

**It has no spring of action sure,**

**It varies with the wind.**

**It cannot freely move**

**Till thou hast wrought its chain;**

**Enslave it with thy matchless love,**

**And deathless it shall reign.**

# **Make me a captive, Lord**

*Author: George Matheson (1890)*

**V3**

**My pow'r is faint and low**

**Till I have learned to serve;**

**It lacks the needed fire to glow,**

**It lacks the breeze to nerve.**

**It cannot drive the world**

**Until itself be driv'n;**

**Its flag can only be unfurled**

**When thou shalt breathe from heav'n.**