

# Weaponized

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**Romans 6:23 (ESV)**

**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**For the wages** (pay earned for military service) **of sin** (miss the mark, lawlessness, evil in me) **is death** (final outcome, earned paycheck, eternal separation from God enduring his wrath), **but the free** (no striving, no earning, not based upon merit) **gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Romans 6:12-13 (ESV)** **Let not sin therefore reign** (we are born into sin & it is present in us, but don't let it dominate / sway your decisions & actions) **in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.**

**13 Do not present** (yield, give over) **your members** (hands, feet, tongue..entire body) **to sin as instruments** (weapons) **for unrighteousness, but** (receiving the free gift allows us to) **present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.**

Think about a time you felt shame for something (did or said)

If you are struggling with shame, regret or feelings of condemnation, there is hope:

1. Feeling shame, regret & condemnation means the check engine light of your heart is working. This is the Holy Spirit signaling you that action needs to be taken.
2. For those in Christ, the Bible promises we will be delivered from shame, regret, condemnation and death into eternal life.

**Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

**Hebrews 10:19, 22 (ESV)** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Psalms 34:3-4 (ESV)** I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. 5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

We have decisions to make:

1. Don't let sin reign in your mind and weaponize your bodies for evil.
2. (Reject & Replace) present your mind & members to God as instruments of righteousness.
3. Expose the lie (impaled man with policeman & paramedic).
4. Accept the free gift of eternal life.