

## Romans 6:12-23

1. The Billboard on the Beltline Hwy in Eugene: “The wages of sin is death.”

Not sure whether to scare or convert or both.

Bad grammar – the word “wages” is plural, even in the Greek

2. Slavery

Everyone is a slave to something: flesh leads to sin

Tobacco addiction – slave to smoking

Slave to God’s mercy/righteousness leads to life

3. Sin is attractive

Promises of happiness, wealth and even life itself

But sin is a deceiver; it pays only death

Not the once for all kind, but over and over, a

Darkness: misery, unhappiness, hard work.

The wages of sin is death.

4. The choice:

Give in to our appetites and fears and yearnings – we will continue to earn unhappiness, hard work, and misery: in short a living death

Throw yourselves on the mercy of God – we will earn forgiveness, love, peace and everlasting life.

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

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