## Elder Bobby Willis



## Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Most everyone that will read this writing has been paid wages for their work at some point in their life. The amount received is based on the value of your work as deemed by society. Sin is different. Sin is indeed work, but it is bad work on our part. Therefore the wages we should receive are not what society deems, but rather what the law of God stipulates. Our social standing absolutely plays no part in the penalty for our bad, sinful works.

The wages (or penalty) for sinning during our life on earth is the death of our bodies. Sin started with Adam and all man kind has kept it going. Paul said in Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." It matters not if there is one sin or ten thousand sins, the wage or penalty is the same. One sin makes us a sinner the same as Adam. While this law of God was put in effect from Adam, there is a remedy for the children of God. Through the providence of God, we see "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Knowing this, we then can go to Romans 5:20 where Paul said, "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:..."

The remedy for the sins of God's children was enacted because of the love of God and Him bestowing grace upon us. Please notice that eternal life is a gift of God, it is NOT a wage or payment for anything we have done, or it would no longer be a gift. While we had nothing to pay with as our works are polluted with sin, the price of this gift of love was the shed blood of Jesus Christ. This sobering thought makes me want to please God while thanking Him continually. What about you? *Think About IT!*