

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Chapter 6:15-23



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May it never be!
- 16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?
- 17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,
- 18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
- 19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.
- 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
- 21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.
- 22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.
- 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



SLAVERY



Exodus 21:16 “He who kidnaps a man whether he sells him or he is found in his possession, shall surely be put to death.”

Deut. 23:15-16 “you shall not hand over to his master a slave who has escaped from his master to you. He shall live with you in your midst, in the place which he shall choose in one of your towns where it pleases him; you shall not mistreat him.”

ROMANS 6:12

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

- ✓ It implies a struggle.
- ✓ It implies a responsibility.
- ✓ It tells us that victory IS possible (why else make the statement?)



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THE WORD IMPLANTED



“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”

Ezekiel 36:26-27

“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Jer 31:33

Jn. 3:9-10 "No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious; anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother".



Col 1:21-22 "And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—"

1 Jn. 1:6 "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;"

1 Jn 2:4 "The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;"

GOD WANTS YOUR OBEDIENCE



1 Sam 15:22-23 “Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. “For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king.””

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3 SIMPLE CONCEPTS TO TAKE HOME FROM THIS TEXT:



1. You are the slave to the one you obey.
2. You are either a slave to Sin or a Slave to Righteousness.
3. True Christians will seek to be obedient to God—from the heart.