

SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Rom 6:15-23



INTRODUCTION

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin V1,2

Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God V11

Offer yourselves to God V13

For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law but under grace V14

SHALL WE SIN AS WE ARE NOW UNDER GRACE?

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? **By no means!** V15



SLAVES: TO SIN OR TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as **obedient slaves**, you are **slaves of the one you obey**—whether you are **slaves to sin**, which leads to **death**, or to **obedience**, which leads to **righteousness?** V16



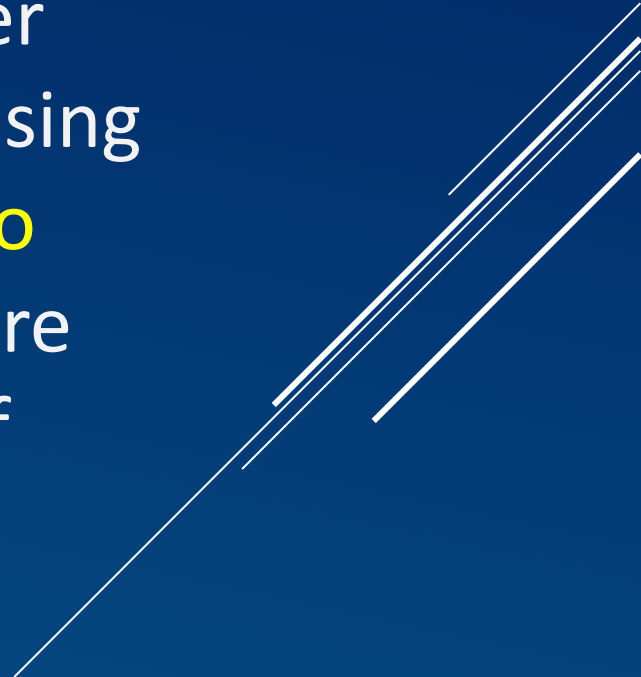
FREE FROM SIN TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. V17-18



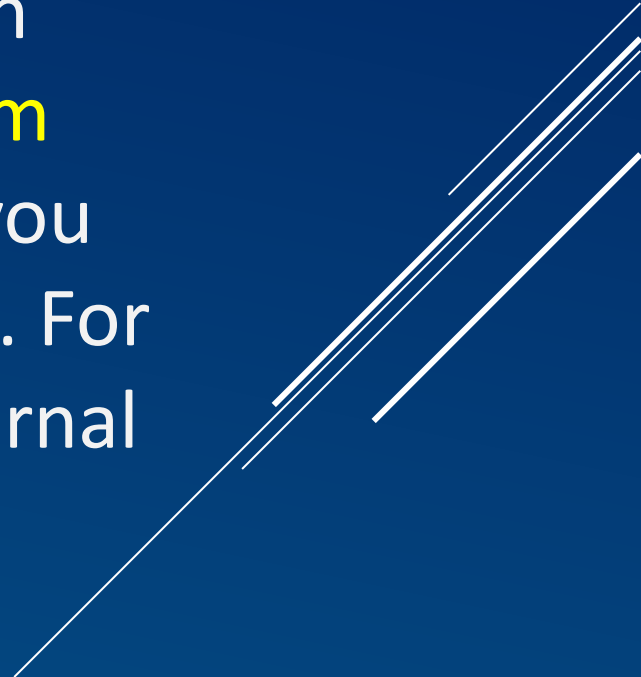
THE EXAMPLE OF SLAVERY

I am using **an example from everyday** life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now **offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness**. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. V19-20



THE RESULT OF HOLINESS AND ETERNAL LIFE

What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been **set free from sin** and have **become slaves of God**, the benefit you reap **leads to holiness**, and the **result is eternal life**. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. V21-23



CONCLUSION

- ▶ We have **been set free** from the slavery of sin and are now slaves of God
- ▶ Therefore **we do not sin** as we are under grace and no longer under sin
- ▶ Consider ourselves **dead to sin and alive to God**
- ▶ Offer ourselves as **slaves to righteousness**
- ▶ Let us **live joyfully each day as slaves of righteousness**

