

Text: Romans 6

Subject: Either Slaves of Sin or Righteousness

## INTRODUCTION

1. The key word in this passage is "Slave"
2. Two types of Slaves are contrasted

## HOW SHOULD WE REGARD SIN?

*What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!*

*Romans 6:15*

1. We are no longer under Law
2. We are under Grace
3. "Shall we sin?"
  - a) Some were suggesting this
  - b) Since there is grace and there is no penalty

## SLAVES OF SIN

*<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?*

*<sup>17</sup> But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.*

*<sup>19</sup> I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.*

*<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.*

*<sup>21</sup> What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.*

*Romans 6:16-17, 19-21*

1. If we present ourselves to sin

2. We will become slaves:

- a) Of sin
- b) Of uncleanness
- c) Leading to more lawlessness

3. This will lead to death

- a) Spiritual death
- b) More dreadful than physical death

### **SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*<sup>18</sup> And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*

*<sup>22</sup> But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.*

*<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 6:18, 22-23*

1. We have been set free from sin

2. We become slaves:

- a) Of righteousness
- b) Of God
- c) Our inclination is towards “holiness”

3. Results

- a) Fruit to holiness
- b) Everlasting life
- c) This is to be found in the Lord Jesus Christ
- d) This is a gift not to be taken for granted