

Who's Your Master

(Romans 6:15-23)

Intro: Paul's point in Romans 6 is that it is the grace of God that breaks the power of sin in the believer's life. The Mosaic Law can't do it. We don't live by a code of do's and don'ts. We live in obedience to God out of love and gratitude for what He has done for us. Obedience is an internal response to God's grace. External obedience to the Law has no power to enable us to obey. However, God's grace provides us with spiritual enablement to live a life of service to God and others. We have been given God's indwelling Holy Spirit who provides us with the power to overcome sin.

IV. Righteousness Imparted: Process Of Sanctification (6:1–8:39)

A. No longer slaves to sin (6:1-23)

1. Dead to sin, alive in Christ (6:1-14)
2. Free from Law, enslaved to God (6:15-23)
 - a. Paul's opponent's question and his response (vv. 15-16)
 - b. Paul's thankfulness (vv. 17-18)
 - c. Paul's reason for using the slave-master analogy (vv. 19-22)
 - 1) Our lack of spiritual discernment (v. 19)
 - 2) Our former slavery to sin (vv. 20-21)
 - 3) Our present slavery to God (v. 22)
 - d. Paul's conclusion (v. 23)



Conclusion: Are you willing to take this truth from Romans chapter 6 and translate it into life? “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?” **Absolutely not?** How shall we who have died to sin live any longer in it? Consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus (v. 11). Victory over the indwelling power of sin is found in reckoning ourselves as dead to sin and alive in Christ (v. 11), and yielding or presenting ourselves to God and the controlling power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (vv. 12-14). What will you say when someone asks, Who's your Master?

Applications:

Outline of Romans

- I. Salutation And Statement Of Theme (1:1-17)
- II. Righteousness Needed Because Of Sin And Condemnation (1:18–3:20)
- III. Righteousness of God Imputed Through Justification (3:21–5:21)
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 - B. No longer slaves to the Law (7:1-25)**
 - C. Living in the Spirit (8:1-39)**
- V. Righteousness Vindicated: Dispensation Of Grace (9:1–11:36)
- VI. Righteousness Practiced: Service To God And Others (12:1–15:13)
- VII. Conclusion (15:14–16:27).