



## Living a Godward Life (Part Two)

Sunday, May 2/21

Romans 6:15 – 23

*But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. – Romans 6:17 – 18*

*God's purpose in redeeming people from sin is not to give them freedom to do as they please but freedom to do as He pleases, which is to live righteously. When God commanded Pharoah to let His people go, He also made clear His purpose for their deliverance, 'that they may serve me' (Ex. 7:16). God delivers people from enslavement to sin for the sole purpose of their becoming enslaved to Him and to His righteousness. – John MacArthur*

### Introduction: Five Key Principles

- i. If we present ourselves as slave to any power, we become slaves of that power. (vs. 16)
- ii. There are only two ultimate powers: either obedience to sin or obedience to God. (vs. 16)
- iii. These two powers are entirely different and utterly opposed to each other. (vs. 19 – 22)
- iv. It is impossible to be slaves to both of these masters at the same time. (vs. 17 – 18)
- v. Our true master is revealed not by what we say, but by what we do. (vs. 20 – 23)

A. The Question: Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? (vs. 15)

B. The Answer: Illustrated by the Obedience of a Slave (vs. 16 – 19)

C. The Irony of Being Slaves of God vs. the Shame of Being Slaves of Sin (vs. 19 – 23)



## Study and Discussion Questions –

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#### Open It

1. What bad habits can control and damage a person's life?
2. If you had to forfeit your freedom to become a slave, who would you want to be your master?

#### Explore It

3. Why shouldn't a Christian continue to sin willingly? (6:15-18)
4. Who or what determines the things that dominate or control a person? (6:16)
5. How does sin dominate a person's life? (6:16-18)
6. What is the result of being a slave to obedience to God? (6:16, 19, 22)
7. What is the result of being a slave to sin? (6:16, 21, 23)
8. With what attitude do believers obey their new master, righteousness? (6:17)
9. What change has happened to people who have put their trust in Christ? (6:17-18)
10. What is the result of being a slave to righteousness? (6:19, 22)
11. What are the wages of sin, and what is the gift of God? (6:23)

#### Get It

12. What attitude should a Christian have toward sin?
13. What benefits and pleasures do people think they gain from sinful, selfish living?
14. Before knowing Christ, when did you feel regret for the selfish things you had done?
15. What are the benefits and pleasures of righteous living?
16. Why can't a person be his or her own master, enslaved to neither God nor sin?
17. In what ways is our relationship to God not like slavery?
18. To what degree is each person responsible for his or her sinful or righteous living?

#### Apply It

19. How can you show your wholehearted obedience to God this week?
20. In what areas of your life do you need God's help to loosen the grip of certain sins?