

Choose Your Master

Romans 6:15-23

Introduction

I The Two Responses to Salvation by Faith

- A. Go on sinning because we are:
1. Not under law but under grace? **NO!** - 1 Jn 3:9-10
- B. Stop sinning because we are:
1. Not under law but under grace? **YES!**

II The Contrast Between Two Responses

- A. The **illustration** for the change is found in slavery
1. We are slaves to the one we obey - 2 Pet 2:19
 - a. Slavery to sin leads to **death**
 - b. Slavery to obedience leads to **righteousness**
- B. The **power** for the change is found in God
1. Thanks be to God! - Rom 8:3
 - a. You wholeheartedly **obeyed** the Word - Ps 119:32
 1. That you were entrusted with - 2 Tim 1:13-14
 - b. You were set **free** from sin - Rom 6:7; 8:2
 - c. You have become slaves to righteousness
- C. The **fruit** of the change is found in our lives
1. Offering our bodies in slavery to sin leads to:
 - a. **Impurity** - Eph 5:3
 - b. Ever-increasing wickedness
 - c. **Shame** - 1 Jn 2:28-29
 - d. Death - Gal 6:7-8; Rom 7:5
 2. Offering our bodies as slaves to righteousness leads to:
 - a. **Righteousness**
 - b. Ever-increasing holiness - 2 Cor 7:1; Heb 12:14
 - c. Eternal **life** - Rom 5:21

III The Summary of The Two Responses

- A. The **wages** of sin is death - Prov 10:16
1. In our corporate Champion; Adam
- B. The **gift** of God is eternal life - Eph 2:8-9; Jn 3:16
1. In our corporate Champion; Jesus Christ

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. How would you describe your present walk with God? 1) "I'm in the dog-house!" 2) "I'm straining on the leash!" 3) "I'm walking in obedient freedom next to Jesus!"
2. Read Romans 6:16-22. Contrast the two possible masters a person can choose. What are the consequences and fruit of each type of slavery?
3. Paul indicates that slavery is evidenced by obedience. Slavery to sin indicates obedience to sin and slavery to Christ indicates obedience to His Word. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being Satan and 10 being Christ), which master most accurately represents your present obedience?
4. How can slavery to God be considered a path to freedom? In what ways does it bring freedom to your life? Are there areas where you would like to experience greater freedom in your walk with the Lord? If so, what are they?
5. According to Romans 6:22, how is holiness obtained? How does this approach differ from that of a "legalist"? Which approach do you think is most likely to bear lasting fruit?
6. Take a moment now to willingly yield your life fully as a bondservant of Jesus Christ. Allow Him to be not only your Savior, but also Lord and master of your life.

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