

How Do We Then Live?

Week 4 - Romans 6:15-23

? If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Objectives:

- We have been set free from sin, and are “slaves to righteousness”.

Slaves to Righteousness

Romans 6:15-18 NIV

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

? Why do you think Paul begins this section in an almost identical way to verses 1-14? Why is that important?

? How does Paul use the metaphor of slavery? According to Paul, are we ever truly free?

? What does it mean that we are “slaves to righteousness”?

“The law says to us ‘If I obey, then I’ll be accepted.’
Grace says ‘I’m accepted, therefore I obey.’
- Pastor Steve Treichler (Romans Untangled podcast)

New Life

Romans 6:19-23 NIV

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² 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. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

? If we are free from sin, what is our motivation to be obedient to God?

? What makes this new life possible?

? In verse 19, Paul suggests that there should be similarities between the two types of “slavery.” How are they similar? How are they different?

For Discussion and Accountability

? What was God telling you through this passage this week? What did you need to hear?

? How can you live under grace this week? How can we encourage you with this?