

Chap 6:15-23



ROMANS

GOSPEL~ROOTED LIVING



Where have we been so far?

- Greeting and Introduction of the Gospel
- All have sinned, we need the Gospel
- Law reveals, defines, increases
- Faith: to take God at His word and obey
- Past secures the future & guides our present
- Sin is not your master, choose life

Indicative / imperative construction

- Indicative – statement of truth
- Imperative – command / prohibition
 - Past indicatives & present imperatives
- “Do / don’t” or “obedience of faith”?
 - Inviting us to become who we are
 - We struggle of the “already and not yet”

Romans 6:1-2 & 14 Paul's previous diatribe

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means!

¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace

Romans 6:15

Paul's next question

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

- Paul anticipates the next challenge

Romans 6:16

Paul's answer

16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

- Exodus 21:1-6

Romans 6:17-18

Past tense indicatives

17 ...you who were once slaves of sin...having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

- Freedom is not license – 1 Cor 6:12
- *Subject to none, servants of all* - Luther

Romans 6:19 Paul's present tense imperative

19 ...so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

- Why? – 1 Cor 6:19-20
- How much? – Rom 12:1

Romans 6:20-21

Status / fruit / result

*²⁰ ...you were slaves of sin... what fruit
...things of which you are now ashamed? For
the end of those things is death.*

•Gal 5:19-21

Romans 6:22

Status / fruit / result

22 ...you have been set free from sin ...the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

•Gal 5:22

Romans 6:23

Connections & outcomes

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

- Wages / of Sin / Death
- Gift / of God / Eternal Life

Summary

- Go on sinning b/c we aren't under Law? No!
- We can choose who is our master
- For we have been given Christian Freedom
- Invest by doing right
- This leads to the life promised in the Gospel

The Gospel

You choose your master

- Will you join Luther & Paul and say...

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all... (1 Cor 9:19)

- Will you join Joshua and say...

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Josh 24:15)



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