



Let's Sin (2)

(Romans 6:15-23)

Recap

- **Grace does not lead to sin (6:1-5).**
 - **No longer “in Adam” but “in Christ”.**
 - **No longer under the power of sin.**
- **Being a saint does not mean that we are sinless; rather it means that we can say no to sin because we are joined to Christ and share in the power of His resurrection (6:6-10).**

“We need to remember who we really are, so that we can act accordingly.”

(N. T. Wright)

Romans 6:15

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

Freedom from law does not lead to sin either.

Two Options:

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?

Two Options: Two Types of Slavery

(1) Slavery to sin (6:17):

- **By birth we are in Adam and slaves to sin.**
- **By ourselves we are unable to break free from sin.**

(2) Slavery to God (6:18):

- **Jesus Christ has set us free from sin.**
- **He purchased us with His blood.**

(See 1 Peter 1:18-19)

- **No one is absolutely free.**
- **Each slavery is a kind of freedom.**
²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
- **Each freedom is a kind of slavery.**

“With new freedoms, you always get new frameworks; the frameworks **constrict one kind of freedom (the freedom to do anything at all) **in order to enhance another kind** (if everybody drove wherever they pleased nobody would be free to drive anywhere very much).”**

(N. T. Wright)

**“To be a slave of Jesus is
true freedom.”**

Use of slavery to illustrate:

Obedience of the slave to the master

- As Christians who are saved by the grace of God through faith, we are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17).
- **We obey God not because we have to, but because we want to.**

Two Types of Progressions:

Moral Deterioration vs. Moral Transformation

¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

**The key to sanctification is to
(1) know who you are in Christ and
(2) to act accordingly.**

Romans 6:13

¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

**You can become who you are in
Christ when **you choose to discipline
your bodies** – your minds, eyes, ears,
tongues, hands and feet – **to act
accordingly.****

“You have already received ‘all things that you pertain unto a life of godliness.’ You do not need another experience. You do not need some new gift. You have been given everything in Christ; you are ‘in him’ from the beginning of your Christian life. You are just a slacker and a cad, just lazy and indolent, indeed ‘a liar,’ if you are not living this life.”

(Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones)

Two Types of Outcomes:

Death vs. Life

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? **For the end of those things is death.**

Two Types of Outcomes:

Death vs. Life

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

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

The outcome of slavery to sin is **death**

- Sin is extremely destructive.
- We experience death in this life when we choose to be enslaved by sin.

“By birth we are in Adam, the slaves of sin; by grace and faith we are in Christ, the slaves of God. Bondage to sin yields no return except shame and ongoing moral deterioration, culminating in the death we deserve. Bondage to God, however, yields the precious fruit of progressive holiness, culminating in the free gift of life.”

(John Stott)

**Do we present your bodies to the
Lord or to sin?**

Are you living for Jesus?