

WHO or WHAT will you SERVE? ~ Romans 6:15-18

→Scripture Reading Romans 6:13-17

INTRODUCTION

Romans 6:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ Do not OFFER the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather OFFER yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and OFFER the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall NOT be your master, because you are NOT under law, but UNDER grace.

You do Have a CHOICE ~ Romans 6:15-18

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹³ ...OFFER yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and OFFER the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness

¹⁶ Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. (NLT)

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

There is no place in Christian experience where one is free to set his OWN standards and go his own Way. Expositor's

The only sin we can Defeat is sin that has been FORGIVEN JPiper

IMPLICATIONS

→We are Called to WHOLEHEARTED Obedience

¹⁷ Thank God! Once you WERE **slaves of sin**, but now **you WHOLEHEARTEDLY obey**...(NLT)

There is no MIDDLE ground between being a slave to SIN and a slave to OBEDIENCE to God. As the Lord Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters..." BKC

Luke 10:27 (NIV) ...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself.

A Long OBEDIENCE in the same Direction

Sin does not have dominion over the person who is under grace. The believer has died to sin. He has received the indwelling Holy Spirit who is the POWER for holy living. And he is motivated by love for the Savior, not by fear of punishment. Grace is the only thing that really produces holiness. McDonald

→There is LIBERTY in Obedience

¹⁶ ...You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, OR **you can choose to OBEY God**, which leads to righteous living. (NLT)

TAKE AWAY ??

→Is the WORD of God Shaping you?

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the FORM of teaching to which you were entrusted.

Romans 1:16-17 (NIV) ¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the POWER of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...

¹⁷ For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by FAITH from FIRST to LAST, just as it is written: The righteous will LIVE BY FAITH.