#### Romans 6:20-21 (HCS)

- For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from allegiance to righteousness.
- So what fruit was produced then from the things you are now ashamed of? For the end of those things is death.

#### Romans 6:22-23 (HCS)

But now, since you have been liberated from sin and have become enslaved to God, you have your fruit, which results in sanctification - and the end is eternal life! <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Eternal LIFE is God's GIFT

**Romans 6:19-23** 

Romans 6:2 (NIV)

...We DIED to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

We DIED to sin is not a reference to the believer's ongoing daily struggle with sin, but to a ONE-TIME event completed in the past. MacArthur

Romans 6:11 (NIV)

...COUNT yourselves DEAD to sin but ALIVE to God IN Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:16 (NIV)

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...

It is a desperate condition to be **BOUND** by every Evil and FREE from every Good.

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# We have been called to a PROFOUND OBEDIENCE and have received the glorious benefits that are ours as His slaves.

You are FREE to choose between
TWO Masters, but you are
NOT free to adjust the Consequences
of your choice. Each of the two masters
pays with his own kind of currency.
The currency of sin is eternal death.

Two Masters: Sin -OR- God

Two Methods: Wages -OR- FREE gift

Two Final Outcomes: Death -OR- Eternal Life

### → As Believers in Christ we are **NOT**Obligated to sin

<sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set FREE from sin and have become slaves to God...

## A Christian is **NOT** someone who cannot sin but someone who is no longer a slave to sin.

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### → CONFORMING to the Character of Jesus Christ is a Daily Struggle

22 ...and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to HOLINESS...

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

Take MY yoke upon you

and learn from ME, for I am gentle

and humble in heart,

and you will find REST for your souls.

30 For MY yoke is easy and

MY burden is light.

Matthew 20:28 (NIV)

...the Son of Man did NOT come
to BE served, but to SERVE,
and to give His life as a RANSOM...



# <sup>23</sup> For the **WAGES** of sin is death, but the **FREE GIFT** of **God** is **Eternal Life**IN Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)

**Wages** - are a fixed regular payment made by an employer to an employee

- Sin promises LIFE but delivers DEATH
- Wages are not paid in a lump sum
- > Wages are what is OWED to an Employee

Eternal Life is found IN a Person, and that Person IS Christ Jesus our Lord. All who are IN Christ HAVE eternal life.

It's as simple as that! MacDonald

## 23 ...the FREE GIFT of Godis eternal LifeIN Christ Jesus our Lord

Titus 3:3-4 (NLT)

Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures.

Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.

<sup>4</sup> But - When God our Savior revealed His kindness and love,

Titus 3:3-5 (NLT)

He SAVED us, NOT because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.

He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.



