

Everyone Is A Slave To Something
Who Is Your Master?
Romans 6: 15-23

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Sin

Salvation

**Sancti-
fication**

Sovereignty

Service

So Long

Verse 15

Can I occasionally be a slave to sin?

The thinking: **Since I am not under the Law, it's okay to sin occasionally**

CERTAINLY NOT!

It's not okay to plot or plan to sin; this should not be the mindset of the **NEW MAN!**

God is a teacher, a grace and mercy giver; He also disciplines His children

"Whom the Lord loves He chastens." Hebrews 12: 6

Chasten = instruction by word or deed; if this does not work, then scourging!

God's heart:

“For He does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.” – Lamentations 3: 33

God loves us so much that He will reluctantly afflict to drive us to Him -

FOR OUR GOOD AND OUR GROWTH!!

Verse 16

Am I a slave to sin or righteousness?

What is the predominate disposition of my life?

Who is my master?

Who am I a slave to?

I am to live out the **New Man** experientially,
and fully submit to Christ' rule in my life

Verse 17 - 20

**Obey God and become a slave to
righteousness**

Prior to Jesus, we were all slaves of sin; at salvation, this slave was set free

“You obeyed from the heart”

Those set free are being transformed, **CHANGED!**

2 Corinthians 3: 18

TRANSFORMED into the image of Christ!

There is a constant struggle for control of our lives, lived out moment by moment, day by day

Who will I submit to?

My sin nature or God?

Believing and trusting God can become the dominant pattern in your life

Right choices and obeying God begets more right choices and obeying

Practice the presence of God and become a slave to righteousness

Verse 21 - 22

Sin vs Holiness: Which are you a slave to?

**Paul is comparing the fruit of our old, ashamed lives
with our new lives in Christ**

Old lives, slaves of sin,

versus

New lives, slaves of God

Set free to live the abundant life!

Verse 23

Wages of sin = DEATH

Vs

The Gift of God = LIFE

All in Adam are separated from God by sin

All in Adam die – sin is a big deal!

**Jesus came to eliminate death for all who will believe
and receive the gift of salvation**

My sin brought death -

God's gift brings life

CHOOSE LIFE!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

People deny what God has revealed; they push the truth down and their conscience becomes hardened

“There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’”

– *The Great Divorce*

**Since Jesus is alive
and it is all true,
why won't people
believe?**

**I have concluded,
people want to be
their own god and
rule their own lives!**

**Invictus is their
battle cry!**

INVICTUS

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY

The question posed is this:

Who will you serve?

Who will be your master?

The Truth:

Everyone is a slave to something or someone

Who is your master?

Choose now

Choose wisely

and remember

JESUS IS VICTOR!! – *Philippians 2: 10-11*

**...that at the name of
Jesus every knee should
bow, in heaven and on
earth and under the
earth, and every tongue
confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.**

- Philippians 2:10-11 -

Everyone will bow to the Lordship of Jesus Christ

Now – *willingly*

or

Later – *forced*

You choose!

WHO IS YOUR MASTER?

There is no one like our *JESUS!*

SHOUT TO THE LORD, CHURCH!

LORD, THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU!!