

Sermon Notes for July 13th 2025

Series: “Freedom in Christ”

Message: “Freedom from the Bondage of Sin”

Sermon Text: **Romans 6:15-23**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 146:1-10**; New Testament Text: **Galatians 5:1, 13-15**. Read **Romans 6:15-23** (below) as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Romans 6:15-23: What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do 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? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I 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. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But 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. ²²But 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. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. Read **Romans 6:15**. Why would Paul ask this question: *“Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace?”*

2. Read **Romans 6:16**. Have you ever considered yourself an *obedient slave to righteousness*?

3. How might thinking of ourselves as an obedient slave of Christ help us to better resist temptation and live as Christ would have us live?

3. Read **Romans 6:17-18**. How is it possible to go from being a slave to sin to being a slave to righteousness?

4. Read **Romans 6:19**. Why does it seem wrong to call a follower of Christ a *slave to righteousness*?

5. What must we do to accomplish the things Paul is talking about in this verse?

6. **Romans 6:20** in the NIV says: *When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.* What do you think Paul means by *the control of righteousness*?

7. Read **Roman 6:21**. What is the fruit of leading a sinful, unrepentant life?

8. Read **Romans 6:22**. What is the fruit of being a slave for Christ?

9. Read **Romans 6:23**. Who is *God's free gift*?

10. What happens in our lives when we accept that gift?

11. What will you remember most from this message?