

Slaves: Sin or Righteousness

Text: Romans 6:15-23

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A. Every Human Being is a Spiritual Slave

1. By birth, in Adam, enslaved to sin, death

Rom. 6:16a, Matt. 6:24

- Spiritual bondage

a. Subjects in the kingdom of darkness

Col. 1:13

b. Controlled by sinful passions

Gal. 5:19, Eph. 2:1-3, Gen. 6:5, John 1:12-13, Isa. 61:1-3

2. By new birth, In Christ, enslaved to obedience, righteousness

Isa. 5:16, Zech. 8:8, Ps. 99:4, Rom. 3:21-22, 1 Cor. 1:30, 1 John 2:28-29

- Spiritual freedom

a. Subjects in the kingdom of light

Col. 1:13

b. Controlled by the Spirit of God

Gal. 5:22-23, Gal. 5:1, Gal. 5:13, Matt. 11:28-30

B. Living Life Enslaved to Righteousness (Christ)

Rom. 6:17

1. Exercised will

2. Enflamed heart

3. Enlightened mind