

ROMANS

“WHOSE SLAVE ARE YOU?”

Romans 6:15-23

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- ★ There are only two options for all people. You are either a . . .
 1. Slave to _____, and your father is the _____ (John 8:44; 1 John 3:8; Matthew 13:38).
 2. Slave to _____, and your father is God, who _____ you through the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; Eph. 1:7; Titus 2:14).

COMPARING THE TWO OPTIONS:

<u>SLAVE TO SIN/SATAN</u>	<u>SLAVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS/ GOD/JESUS CHRIST</u>
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WHAT'S CHANGED?

◆ I used to be obedient to sin, _____ myself to wickedness, but now I _____ myself as a slave to righteousness, leading to _____.

★ IMPORTANT NOTE: _____ is the goal of being a slave to righteousness (1 Pet. 1:15; Heb. 12:14). The instruction manual for this is _____ (John 17:17).

◆ I regularly _____ on what Christ _____ on my behalf that I might have eternal life (Eph. 5:2; Heb. 9:28; 2 Cor. 5:21).

◆ I no longer _____ to _____ since I have been set free from it (1 Cor. 10:31; 4:7; John 15:5).

“If God commands it, we are, through His grace, capable of accomplishing it.”

◆ I stop trying to _____ my _____ (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- ◆ The most meaningful question is, “Whose slave are you?”
- ◆ What kind of loyalty should be shown to the One who redeemed us, rescued us, adopted us, and gave us an eternal inheritance?
- ◆ How many differences can you come up with contrasting the two kinds of slavery (write down the Scripture references that goes with them)?

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| ◆ <u>Blinds</u> | <u>Opens eyes to see</u> |
| ◆ <u>Hates the world</u> | <u>Loves the world</u> |
| ◆ <u>Lies (father of lies)</u> | <u>Truth (cannot lie)</u> |
| ◆ <u>Promises are lies</u> | <u>All promises kept</u> |
| ◆ <u>No future hope</u> | <u>Hope for all eternity</u> |
| ◆ <u>Wants our destruction</u> | <u>Provides ultimate best</u> |
| ◆ <u>Leads to death</u> | <u>Leads to life</u> |

WHAT'S CHANGED?

- ◆ I used to be obedient to sin, offering myself to wickedness, but now I offer myself as a slave to righteousness, leading to sanctification.
- ★ IMPORTANT NOTE: Sanctification/holiness is the goal of being a slave to righteousness (1 Pet. 1:15; Heb. 12:14). The instruction manual for this is God's Word (John 17:17).
- ◆ I regularly reflect on what Christ offered on my behalf that I might have eternal life (Eph. 5:2; Heb. 9:28; 2 Cor. 5:21).
- ◆ I no longer have to sin since I have been set free from it (1 Cor. 10:31; 4:7; John 15:5).

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- ◆ I stop trying to earn my salvation (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9).

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Question & Answer #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,¹

but belong—body and soul,

both in life and in death—²

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.³

He has fully paid for all my sins

with his precious blood,⁴ and has set me free

from all the power of the devil.⁵

He also watches over me in such a way⁶

that not a hair can fall from my head without

the will of my Father in heaven;⁷

in fact, all things must work together

for my salvation.⁸

Because I belong to Him,

Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of

eternal life⁹

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and

ready from now on to live for Him.¹⁰

1 1 Cor. 6:19-20

2 Rom. 14:7-9

3 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

4 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2

5 John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11

6 John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5

7 Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18

8 Rom. 8:28

9 Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14

10 Rom. 8:1-17