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Romans 6.15-23

- **15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under *grace*? By no means! **16** Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to *righteousness*? **17** But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. **18** You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to *righteousness*.



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19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to *righteousness* leading to holiness. **20** When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of *righteousness*. **21** What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! **22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to *holiness*, and the result is eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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Truth #2

Every person is born a slave to sin.

Every person born again is a slave to righteousness.

v. 16-22

The only question is, “Whose slave am I?”



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Before Christ

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v. 16 You are slaves to sin



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v. 17 *You used to be*
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v. 18 *You have been set*
free from sin



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v. 20 You *were* slaves
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In Christ

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In Christ

v.18 You have *become* slaves to righteousness

v.19 Offer yourselves *as* slaves to righteousness

v. 22 You have been set free from sin

v.22 You have *become* slaves of God



Flesh

The capacity to live life apart from God, and the desperate desire to control to make life work without Him. The flesh cannot be subdued by self-discipline or self-effort and it continues to try to control even after we've been made new in Christ. Only by trusting God and His people can we have victory from the flesh and walk in the newness of life that is our birthright in Christ.

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Third, don't give the wrong permission



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To run and work the law commands,
Yet gives me neither feet nor hands;
A sweeter thing the Gospel brings—
It bids me fly and gives me wings!

John Berridge, 18th Century



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