

Free From Sin, Slaves of Righteousness
Romans 6:16-18
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Thesis: I want to show what the Apostle Paul tells us about the slavery of sin.

Intro: 1. Sin is deceptive.
2. It ensnares man and traps him in a world of deceit and false joy (**Heb 12:1**)

I. Previously Servants of Sin

- A. Sin is a form of moral slavery (**2 Pt 2:19**)
 - 1. Christ affirms the sinner is a slave of sin (**Jn 8:32-34**)
- B. Sin is deceptive (**2 Thess 2:10**)
 - 1. The pleasure of sin blinds the mind to the reality of the consequences (**Heb 11:24-25; Rom 6:23**).
 - 2. Sin is the result of a process (**James 1:12-16**).
- C. Sinners are on the road that leads to hell (**Rom 6:21,23**)

II. The People had now obeyed

- A. They (and we) must obey that “form of doctrine” (**Rom 6:17**)
 - 1. The doctrine is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (**1 Cor 15:1-3**).
 - 2. In baptism there is a death (separation) to sin and a resurrection to newness of life (**Rom 6:3-6**)
- B. Obedience must come from the heart.
 - 1. Man must believe with the heart (**Rom 10:9-10**).
 - 2. The “form of doctrine” must be obeyed “from the heart”.
- C. There must be a yielding” or submitting to righteousness (**Rom 6:16**).
 - a. God forces no one from serving Him.
 - b. Joshua told God’s people that service was a choice (**Joshua 24:15**).

III. Lessons for Us Today

- A. If we do not want to serve God here, we will not enjoy heaven.
 - 1. God’s people desire to faithfully serve Him (**Heb 12:28**).
- B. We must have the desire to follow God.
 - 1. We must see the empty life of sin (**Rom 6:21-22**)

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. If man wants to see heaven, you cannot be a slave of sin.
- 2. Only freeing yourself from sin through obedience to the gospel will allow someone to be right with God and gain heaven as their home.
- 3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9