

# Whose Slave Are You?

## Romans 6:15-18

### I. We Cannot Continue to Sin (v. 15)

- A. A repeated \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15a) [Rom. 3:20, 21, 28; 5:20-21; 6:1-2, 14]
- B. A faulty \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15b) [1 Cor. 9:19-21; Gal 5:13-14]
- C. A replicated \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15c) [Gal. 5:1]

### II. We Cannot Serve Two Masters (v. 16)

- A. You are functional a \_\_\_\_\_ of the one whom you obey (v. 16a) [Matt. 6:24; Josh. 24:15; 1 Kgs. 18:21]
- B. Either a slave to \_\_\_\_\_ which leads to death (v. 16b) [Rom. 5:12; 6:21, 23]
- C. Or a slave to \_\_\_\_\_ which leads to righteousness (v. 16c) [Eph. 2:8-10; 2 Pet. 2:18-19; 1 Jn. 3:9-10]

### III. We Can Become Obedient from the Heart (vv. 17-18)

- A. You \_\_\_\_\_ slaves to sin (v. 17a) [Lk. 15:11-16]
- B. You have \_\_\_\_\_ obedient from the heart (v. 17b) [Lk. 15:17-23; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 12:2; 1 Jn. 2:6]
- C. You have been \_\_\_\_\_ from sin (v. 18a) [Jn. 8:34, 36; Col. 1:13]
- D. You have become slaves of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18b) [Matt. 6:33]

### TAKE HOME:

- Why should grace \_\_\_\_\_ us to sin less instead of more?
- What is that other \_\_\_\_\_ in your life that is seeking to be your master?
- Is your obedience more of an external conformity or an \_\_\_\_\_ desire?

# Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Romans 6:15. What are your thoughts of the repetition of preaching grace, challenging grace, and then ignoring grace? Do you see this reality in our culture or in your own life? (Rom. 3:20, 21, 28; 5:20-21; 6:1-2, 14)
  2. What exactly is the faulty reasoning going on here as far as the impact and results of grace? What should be there right way of thinking through this? (1 Cor. 9:19-21; Gal 5:13-14)
  3. Read Romans 6:16. What does it mean that you are functional slave to the one whom you obey? How does this work? (Matt. 6:24; Josh. 24:15; 1 Kgs. 18:21)
  4. Can a believer be a slave to both sin and to obedience? Why or why not? (Eph. 2:8-10; 2 Pet. 2:18-19; 1 Jn. 3:9-10)
  5. Read Romans 6:17. How does the prodigal son model being a slave to sin? (Lk. 5:11-16) How does the change happen where you become obedient from the heart? (2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 12:2; 1 Jn. 2:6)
  6. Read Romans 6:18. When were you set free from sin? What does this look like in your life? (Jn. 8:34, 36; Col. 1:13) In what way have you become a slave of righteousness? (Matt. 6:33)
  7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?
- "Freedom is not the exercise of unlimited spontaneity. It means to be set free from the bondage of sin in order to live in a way that reflects the nature and character of God."*

- Robert H. Mounce, *The New American Commentary*