

## Romans 6:15-23

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### Section 1: Romans 6:15-19

#### **So *now* can we sin all we want?**

- Dealing with the questions of life under grace
- WHY do we ask this question?
- We don't understand Sin

#### **Grace – A Free Gift – (culled from LS Chafer)**

It is NOT Grace if:

- *There are strings attached*
- *If it can be earned*
- *If it can be paid back*
- *If it is increased by doing good*
- *If it is decreased by doing bad*
- *If it can be revoked for any reason*

Grace IS:

- *Totally free to the recipient*
- *Must be received freely*
- *Must be received by faith*
- *The Principle of our Salvation*
- *The motivation for the Christian life*

*God's grace is the **UNLIMITED, UNMERITED**, favor of God based on the **totally adequate** work of Jesus Christ*

#### **Making Presentations**

- Paul drops another Pauline Idiom
- "Do you not know?!"
- We should know it...but it cannot be taken for granted.
- Slaves either way.
- Slavery in the first century world

### **Simple Notes on Slavery in the Ancient World**

- Slavery was part of the ancient world
- Slavery could be very abusive or welcome
- Paul identified himself as a slave of God (Titus 1:1)
- Slaves could be educated, respected, and even own slaves themselves
- 1 Corinthians 7:21-22; Galatians 3:28; Philemon 1:15-16

### **Voluntary Slavery**

- Having been freed from sin a believer can still continue to live as a slave to sin
- From the earthly perspective there is little difference between the non-believer (who is a slave to sin) and the believer who is choosing to obey sin

### **Three People...**

- The unbeliever can be legalistic or licentious, but he is still in Adam – destined for an eternity in Hell – and is not rightly related to God in Christ
- This person needs to hear the Gospel and trust in Christ for salvation
- The Believer who is in a bad place – He can be legalistic or licentious – His position in Christ is secure – He is born again and saved – but he is not in right moment by moment fellowship with God
- This person needs to grow in grace - understand spiritual growth
- The believer who is in a good place – He understands his position in Christ and is living out that position by God's grace through moment by moment faith in the revealed word of God.

### **Three Groups**

“The Apostle Paul, by the Spirit, has divided the whole human family into three groups: (1) The "natural man," who is unregenerate, or unchanged spiritually; (2) the "carnal man," who is a "babe in Christ," and walks "as a man"; and (3) the "spiritual" man.”

- Sperry Chafer, Lewis. He That Is Spiritual (Annotated) . NPL Publishing. Kindle Edition.

### **Freedom**

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.” (Galatians 5:1 [NKJV](#))

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13 [NKJV](#))

### **Section 2 – Romans 6:20-23**

Thinking it through

## **Sin and Shame**

### **Christ's Suffering in the Garden – Luke 22:41-44**

#### **7 Deaths of Scripture**

- **Spiritual Death** (separation from God in time Gen. 2:16-17; Eph. 2:1).
- **The Second Death** (the perpetuation of spiritual death into eternity; Rev. 20:12-15).
- **Physical Death** (the separation of the soul from the body; Eccl. 12:7; 2 Cor. 5:8).
- **Sexual Death** (the inability to procreate; Rom. 4:19-21).
- **Operational Death** (the inability to produce good; James 2:26).
- **Positional Death:** *in Adam* (Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:22), and *in Christ* (Rom. 6:8; 1 Cor. 15:22; Col. 3:3).
- **Carnal Death** (this is the believer out of fellowship with God, operating according to his *Sinful Nature*; Rom. 8:6, 13; James 1:14-15; Rev. 3:1; Luke 15:24, 32)

#### **Romans 6:23 – An Eternal Principle**

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin *is* death,  
but the gift of God *is* eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.”