

Slave for God

REVIEW

v. 14 – sin shall not be master over you...

“under law” - trying to overcome your sin by being good

“under grace” - fully trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the righteousness you do not have.

1) The Question – Shall we sin? – v. 15

2) The Slave Principle – v. 16

Action – if you slave for a person...

Status – you are a slave of that person

Action: Present yourself to sin / to obedience

Status: Slave of sin / Slave of obedience

Result: Death / Righteousness

John 8:34 - *Everyone who sins is a slave of sin.*

3) Status Precedes & Produces Action – v. 17-22

a) Your Status – v. 17-18

- God Gives Status
- God Gives Obedience

b) Your Action – v. 19

v. 19	THEN	NOW
Action:	Gave members to Impurity/Lawlessness	Give members to Righteousness
Result:	Lawlessness	Sanctification

v. 20-22	THEN	NOW
Status:	Slave to sin Free from righteous	Slave of God Free from sin
Result:	Shame	Sanctification
End:	Death (eternal)	Eternal Life

4) Summary – v. 23

Your Status determines your Action
Your Action reveals your Status

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Praxis

1. What is fundamentally wrong with the question of Rom 6:15? How does 6:16-23 expose that flaw?
2. Would it be appropriate to say to a fellow Christian – “If you keep getting drunk on the weekends, you are going to hell...”? Why / Why not? How does Rom 6 inform us on this?
3. Using the GPS illustration... Which is more important to getting home – the present location of your blue dot, or the direction of its arrow? What about in reference to a specific sin (blue dot) and your attitude toward that sin (arrow)?
4. What are some “road signs” God has placed in life that might help us know when we get off course? What course corrections do you need to make? Any road signs you might be missing?