

Romans 6:11-22

Slaves of God

Consider yourself alive ...

I. Your New Life

- A. United to Christ
- B. Alive to God
- C. In His Dominion

II. Presented to God

- A. Slaves
 - 1. Sin to Death
 - 2. Righteousness to Life
- B. Renewed Hearts
 - 1. The Teaching
 - 2. That Transforms
- C. Mortal Body
 - 1. Sinful Passions
 - 2. Instruments of Righteousness

III. Produces Fruit

- 1. Holiness
- 2. Eternal Life

... and live accordingly.

Children, Listen ...

1. If God saved us from sin and death should we be happy to serve Him?
2. Why is it a good thing to be a "slave" of God?
3. If we belong to God, does He own just our souls or our bodies too?
4. How are our bodies to be holy unto God?
5. If we live in God's Kingdom now, where should we expect to live in eternity?

Delusion or Deliverance?

Sinful man lives under the delusion he is a free agent living under his own rule even though his life's circumstances, lifestyle and most importantly Scripture reveals something quite the contrary. Paul states plainly that man is either a slave to sin and unrighteousness or a slave to God and to His righteousness. Slavery to sin may manifest itself in a variety of ways with varying degrees of intensity. For instance; the addict has lost control of his ability to manage his life – while the well-disciplined, "together" member of society may give the appearance of commendable self-rule. In the course of life the second is better off than the first, but without Christ they are both under the reign of sin, which is all "darkness" and "the power of Satan." Acts 26:18 But God has sent the Christ to deliver captives, and when the Gospel of Christ takes a grip on one's life through the Holy Spirit's work, the sinner is liberated from the grim bondage of depravity which leads to death and to serve the living God ("you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free"). The repentant sinner has a new Master, the Lord Himself Who is gracious, kind and benevolent those who belong to Him. To be a bondservant of God is the highest form of freedom as we are actually able to do that which we were created to do – glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. He delights in our submission to Him, receives glory through our service, and all the while has our ultimate good in mind! What a wonderful Master we have! What a freedom, blessing, privilege and joy it is to serve our gracious God – may He grant us grace to serve Him well.