

Romans 6:15-23

A New Lord, A New Life

# Grace Is Not a License to Sin

V15- "Shall we sin because we are under grace? By no means!"

# Grace Is Not a License to Sin

- Paul answers the oldest excuse: if God forgives sin, why not keep sinning?
- Grace does not loosen the chains of sin - it breaks them.
- The gospel does not only change your record; it changes your Lord

# You Belong to the One You Obey

V16- "You are slaves of the one whom you obey"

There is no neutrality- everyone has a master

- Sin as master always pays in death
- Godly obedience as master leads to righteousness and life.
- The question is not whether you will serve, but whom you will serve.

# Obedience is from the Heart

V17- "Thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart"

- True conversion is not forced compliance but a changed heart.
- Receiving the gospel reshapes our desire, not just our behavior.
- Gratitude, not guilt, is Christian obedience.

# Obedience is from the Heart

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit.

# Set Free - and Given a New Master

18-19 "Having been set free from sin,  
you have become slaves of  
righteousness"

- Freedom in Christ is not freedom from all authority - it is freedom for holiness.
- Present your body to righteousness leading to sanctification.

# What Benefit Did You Gain from sin?

20-21 "What fruit were you getting from the things of which you are now ashamed?"

(v.20-21)

- Sin promises freedom but delivers shame.
- Look honestly at the harvest of the old life: regret, bondage, sorrow, and death.
- God does not shame us to crush us; He shows us the cost so we will come home.

# V23- The Wages and the Gift

## The wages of sin:

- 1) Earn - a paycheck you work for
- 2) Paid in full: death
- 3) Separation from God, now and forever

## The free gift of God:

- 1) Unearned - grace you receive
- 2) Eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
- 3) Bought by His death, secured by His resurrection

# Come Home Today

- You will serve a master today - choose the One who died to free you. Choose Christ
- Turn from sin; trust Christ, who paid your wages and offers you His life.
- V22- The fruit you gain is sanctification, and its end is eternal life
- "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." - Romans 10:13