

Liberated From Sin, Enslaved to God

Romans 6:20-23

Paul has in view that the believers at Rome should present themselves to righteousness with the contrasting realities that slavery to sin results in shame and death, while slavery to God results in sanctification and eternal life.

Romans 6:20-23 – The argument: Because you have obtained God's free gift of eternal life, and have been freed from sin and its wages, turn from that for which Jesus died and pursue righteousness.

- *Slaves of Sin, Rotten Fruit and Death (vv 20-21)*
- *Slaves of God, Ripe Fruit and Eternal Life (v 22)*
- *What the Flesh Earns vs What God's Free Gift Provides (v23)*

*“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (24) and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (25) whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.”
(Romans 3:23-25 esv)*

*"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him,
"If you abide in my word, you are truly my
disciples, and you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free... Jesus answered them,
"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices
sin is a slave to sin. (John 8:31-32, 34 esv)*

*"Though they know God's righteous decree that
those who practice such things deserve to die,
they not only do them but give approval to those
who practice them." (Romans 1:32 esv)*

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23)
gentleness, self-control; against such things there
is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23 esv)*

*"For the one who sows to his own flesh will from
the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to
the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
(Galatians 6:8 esv)*

*"The years of our life are seventy, or even by
reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil
and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly
away." (Psalm 90:10 esv)*

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment...” (Hebrews 9:27)

“But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:43-45 esv)

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39 esv)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God... (7) For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. (1Thessalonians 4:3-5, 7 esv)

“Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:4 esv)

“and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might...” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 esv)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (18) And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18 esv)

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