



15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! **16** Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your

allegiance. **18** You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. **19** I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. **20** When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. **21** What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! **22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MESSAGE NOTES

- 1 Although we can't reach the _____ the _____ is always within reach.
- 2 In all the ways we can't and couldn't God _____ and _____ .
- 3 If you aim for _____ , you'll hit it _____ .
- 4 Slaves _____, and what you _____ is what you are _____ to.
- 5 True _____ is _____ to God.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.

2 No perfect people allowed...could give the impression that imperfection is the goal. What do Matthew 5:48 and 1 Peter 1:16 say about what the goal is?

3 Read Romans 6:15-18. What is the goal of the Christian faith from these verses?

4 What are some common forms of "slavery" in our world and culture today, as Paul defines "slavery" in these verses?

5 Read Romans 6:19-23. What are the outcomes of what we obey? What practical outcomes are there for the area's talked about in question 4?

6 As you think of your past, what decisions and life choices are you ashamed to mention as part of your story when you share with your friends, loved ones and God himself?

7 How is obedience to God the true freedom? Why is eternal life, and true freedom something that are for later...and now? Why do you think God's gracious gift of salvation through faith and Jesus and our obedience to God are so intertwined as it relates to eternal life?

8 What is an area of your current story that needs attention, so you aren't ashamed to share it in the future?

9 Pray for each other