

Shall We Continue in Sin that Grace May Abound? 3

Romans 6.19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* **Christ's** salvation transfers us from a master who _____ us to a Master who _____ us, who gives us a new relationship, a new status, and a new reward.

* **Paul** teaches that we have no choice but to be a _____; our only choice is _____.

* **We** can serve “_____” (a metonym for Satan) (vs 20), or we can serve “_____” (a metonym for God) (vs 22).

* **From** our modern perspective, freedom means being your own _____. But from the Bible's perspective, that is a _____.

2Tim. 2.25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

* **From** the Bible's perspective, freedom is _____ to God and _____ him in righteousness.

Luke 1.71 “That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us ... 74 To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness ... all the days of our life.”

* **Paul** brags about being Christ's _____, and tells all Christians that they ought to have the same attitude.

Rom. 1.1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

1Cor. 6.19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

* **According** to our text, whether we have the right master or not is indicated by the _____ of service our master places us on, what we receive at the _____ of that path, and what we receive along the way.

* **1st Path:**

– What path does serving Satan and sin place us on, and what do we receive at the end? (vs 20)

– What do we receive along the way? (vs 21)

Rom. 7.5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit unto death.

Mat. 8.11 ... many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

John 5.28 ... the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Mat. 25.41 ... “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels ... 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

* **“Fruit unto death”** (Rm. 7.5) is also known as the “works of the _____” (Gal. 5.19-21).

Gal. 5.19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Prov. 8.36 “But He who sins against me injures himself; all those who hate me love death.”

*** 2nd Path:**

– What path does serving God and righteousness place us on, and what do we receive at the end? (vs 22)

– What does “everlasting life” or “eternal life” mean?

1John 3.2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

– What do we receive along the way?

Gal. 5.22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

*** The** final difference is, what one receives from being Satan’s slave is a _____, whereas what we receive from being God’s slave is a _____ (vs 23), and not a normal one, but an _____, which is the gift of a Father to his _____.

Acts 26.17 ... the Gentiles, to whom I now send you 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power [the reign] of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.’

Col. 3.24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Rom. 8.16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ ...

*** Why**, then, are we called “slaves”?

Gal. 4.1 ... the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

*** This** is not only our path, it was the path for _____, too.

Isa. 52.3 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently ... 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations ...

Heb. 5.8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the

things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

John 4.34 ... “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me ...”

Mat. 4.4 ... “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

John 8.29 ... “I always do those things that please Him.”

Luke 22.42 ... “not My will, but Yours, be done.”

*** At** the end of his ministry, Jesus calls the d’s “_____.”

John 15.14 “You are My friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.” (See also Gen. 18.17-32.)

*** This** is also the path _____ took for himself when there was no one there to serve him. What did he do? He served _____.

*** By** being slaves of God, we have begun to serve the Master who _____ in ways no one can repay. We have come into a new relationship as _____ & _____ of the Most High. We have gained a new status: _____ of God. And we receive a new reward, not a wage, but the _____ of the inheritance of eternal life and the kingdom of God; and we have in this life an earnest payment, the firstfruits of the _____, a foretaste of what is to come.

*** With** an ordinary master and slave, the slave’s service is to benefit the master; but with our servanthood to God, the purpose is to benefit _____ — to make us like our Master and _____, so we are prepared to handle the privileges and responsibilities that come with inheriting an eternal kingdom.