

## Session #21: “SERVANTS TO GOD”— *Romans 6:17-23*

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

### Questions:

- Slave, who is your master? Slaves of sin? Slaves of righteousness?
- Have you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered? How thankful to God are you for this?
- Even after being saved, is our depravity still real? What responsibility for every believer continues after being saved to present our members as slaves of righteousness for holiness? (v. 19) -- “Just as you presented,... so now present!”
- What can you expect having been set free from sin and having become slaves of God?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20

Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

**Principle #3 - SANCTIFICATION - 6:1-7:25**

1A. OUR **REALIZATION** OF CERTAIN FACTS - ROMANS 6:1-10

2A. OUR **RESPONSIBILITY** TO THESE FACTS - ROMANS 6:11-23

1B. The **COUNTING** we must do - 11

2B. The **CONTROL** we must have - 12

3B. The **COMMITMENT** we must make - 13-16

4B. The **CONSEQUENCES** we must face - **17-23**

A Reason to be thankful –

A Reality that now exists –

A Responsibility that continues after we are saved –

A Reminder of the past –

A Result we can expect

*Rom 6:17 **But God be thanked** that though you were slaves (To act or conduct oneself as one in total service to another, perform the duties of a slave, serve, obey; To be under someone’s total control- slavish, servile, subject) of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.*

1C. A Reason to be thankful – 17 - “that you were slaves of sin” - 1 Thess. 5:18 - “In every thing give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” Sometimes it seems our problems don’t go away until we give thanks for them. 1 Cor. 6:9-11

1D. The source is God - “But God be thanked” – Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4ff How thankful are you?

2D. The sincerity of your heart was and is crucial - “you obeyed from the heart” - cf. 1 Peter 1:22-25 Are you sincere in your heart- that God is to be praised that you have been set free? We must put our focus on the Lord!

3D. The Scriptures were obeyed - “that form of doctrine to which you were delivered” - cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 2 Tim. 3:16-19

*Rom 6:18 **And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness**.*

2C. A Reality that now exists in every true believer – 18 - “And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness” - cf. 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:17-24 It’s very real! It happened!

Rom 6:19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh (depravity). 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.

3C. A Responsibility that continues after we are saved - 19

1D. Our depravity is real - "because of the weakness of your flesh" - (Greek: astheneian - "without strength" - Matt. 26:41, used with Lazarus, Dorcas, in the Garden of Gethsemane. We cannot do it by ourselves by trying harder!!

2D. Our decisions are critical - "just as you presented...so now present..." cf. Rom. 6:13, 16; 19; 12:1 What you decide to do is crucial!

1E. The standards by which we make our decisions:

1F. Uncleanness & lawlessness (No law, lasciviousness) - You don't want anybody telling you what to do!

2F. Righteousness - (Definite article "the" in front of each of the above words) - cf. Eph. 5:3-7; Col. 3:5-11

2E. The slavery that results from our decisions:

1F. To (Greek: *eis*) more lawlessness; this will lead to lawlessness-you will become a slave to it

2F. For holiness – separateness from sinful attitudes and actions How separated are you?

Rom 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Rom 6:21 What fruit (good) did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

4C. A Reminder of the past - 20-21

1D. Concerning your freedom - "free in regard to righteousness"

2D. Concerning your fruit - cf. Eph. 5:8-14 - "unfruitful works of darkness"

3D. Concerning your future - "For the end of those things is death" - cf. Prov. 14:12 - "There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death"

Rom 6:22 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.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

5C. A Result we can expect - 22-23

1D. The priority that is needed - "become slaves of God"

2D. The productivity that will result - "fruit to holiness" - Heb. 12:5-14

3D. The promise we can experience - "the end, everlasting life"

4D. The principle which makes it all possible - "the gift of God is eternal life..." Eph. 5:8-21; Romans 6:11-23