

SLAVE

TO SIN OR TO GOD

The Bible speaks of only two types of people—the saved and the lost. At other times those two types of people are described in other ways such as children of God and children of the devil. They may also be referred to as either sheep or goats and the list goes on and on. When we come to Romans 6 there is an important choice of terms that is especially relevant in our dark day of moral decline and rampant heretical teachings. There we read one is either a slave of God or a slave to sin! That implies the slave of God is not a slave of sin (and disobedience) but instead obedience and good works. Did you ever hear in church anywhere that the unsaved are a slave to sin, that is, they sin all the time, while the Christian is a slave of righteousness? Paul wrote:

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life (Rom 6:16-22).

Which Kind of Slave are You?

What a powerful and clear refutation to the mix of pablum and candy-coated poisonous teachings that proliferate the pulpits of the world. Many don't even know those precious truths of the Christian faith exist. These are the following points to remember from that Romans passage, which has been conveniently omitted from the Romans Road gospel presentation of our day:

- One is either a slave to sin or a slave to obedience
- Obedience leads to righteousness
- All unsaved people are slaves to sin
- All saved people are set free from sin's slavery's at salvation
- A Christians is a slave to righteousness (**not** a slave to sin)
- Being a slave to righteousness leads to holiness
- Christians are ashamed of their past life of sin
- The benefit of being set free from sin and being a slave to God leads to holiness resulting in **eternal life**

Try sharing these eternal truths about grace with others and watch their antagonism to these Scriptures manifest. Remind them that these teachings began with the Lord's apostles and they belong to the household of faith.

Real grace teaching states a person that is a child of God is also a slave to God, to obedience and to righteousness, while a child of the devil is a slave to sin. It is crystal clear, but religious deceived people like to think of themselves as children of God without being a slave to God and obedience. They have been deceived into thinking their freedom in Christ is freedom to blend in with the unsaved crowd around them and only follow Jesus when it is convenient. This is an abomination in the sight of God and those who teach like that are not serving Christ in the least. The eternal security teachers are dangerous They are not gathering but are scattering (Mt. 12:30) and stumbling others. The Bible speaks of wolves in sheep's clothing, which those people are.

To teach as Paul did is not legalism or a works salvation, as the church multitudes have been trained to think. Instead, it is part of the original grace message and plan of salvation that the apostles shed their blood over trying to spread to every creature. Remember, a true Christian is not a slave to sin. It is a child of the devil, who is a slave to sin. Any teaching which states a Christian is a slave to sin, is only a mere form of godliness and must be rejected.

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