

Lesson: Romans 6:18-7:6 (NIV based)

THEME: Further Contrasts Of Living Under The Control Of The Sin Nature vs. Living Under The Control Of God

v.19 offering ourselves in slavery to our own sinful desires leading to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness --- slavery to righteousness leading to holiness or sanctification

vv.20-21 under the control of sin & doing things now ashamed of which leads to death ---
v. 22 under the control of righteousness, set free from the power of sin to become slaves to God which leads to holiness & eternal life

SUMMARY: We have a choice of whom we will serve or become a slave to - ourselves & our sin nature or God. A benefit of offering ourselves as a slave to God is holiness or sanctification = holy living or setting apart for holy service to God

SANCTIFICATION or being slaves to God UNDER GRACE (v. 6:14) IN RELATION TO THE LAW:

the analogy of marriage vows

Q: Find 4 freedoms referred to in vv.7:1-6

- vv. 7:1,6 freedom from the burden or authority or domination of the Law
- v. 7:4 freedom to bear fruit for God
- vv. 7:5-6 freedom from the bondage of sinful passions
- v. 7:6 freedom to serve in the Spirit - a new way

BIG IDEA - We must be actively offering ourselves as slaves to God in order to be free from the power of the sin nature that will lead to:

1. holy living or sanctification = set apart for holy service
2. bearing fruit in one's life - fruit of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22-23
3. serving God in the Spirit to the fullest extent - empowering of gifts in Rom. 12:3-8

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