

Choice in Obedience

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today. We are thrilled that you are here!

Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.

Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this.

Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy.

When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead

to holiness and result in eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:15-23

Life is full of choices. Some choices have life altering consequences and some are a matter of preference. Regardless, choices impact our lives even in the smallest of ways.

Spiritually, choosing to obey sin or to obey God has life altering consequences. Paul asks this question, "Don't you know that you become a slave to whatever you choose to obey?" A slave. This is one of the meanings of slave according to the Merriam Webster dictionary, "one that is completely subservient to a dominating influence." So, what is the dominating influence in your life – sin or God?

We have a choice – sin (death) or God (eternal life). It is ours to make every day. Choose to obey God today in everything that you do.

All Things for Christ,
Michael