



From Slaves To Sons And Daughters

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Introduction

We live in an age that celebrates freedom yet is quietly addicted to many forms of bondages such as consumer debt, digital dependency, pornography, substance abuse, anger, and fear. Society speaks endlessly about “choice”, yet millions feel trapped.

Into this contradiction, God speaks clearly through the Apostle Paul in Romans chapter 6 that true freedom is not found in doing whatever we please, but in belonging wholly to Christ. God’s grace has transformed us From Slaves to Sons and daughters so we can fully experience what it means by Living Under Grace in a Bondage-Breaking Age. **The Key Message for Humanity Today is that Everyone serves something — but only Christ gives life.** Paul teaches that neutrality is an illusion. Every person is a servant either of sin or of righteousness. Let’s consider this study in 5 parts:

1. Grace Is Not Permission to Sin — It Is Power Over Sin
2. Whatever (and whoever) You Obey Becomes Your Master
3. God Changes Us From the Inside Out
4. Sin Produces Shame and Death — Righteousness Produces Holiness and Life
5. Two Outcomes: Earned Death or Gifted Life

1. Grace Is Not Permission to Sin — It Is Power Over Sin

Verse 14 declares: *“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”*

Grace does not excuse sin; but rather it breaks its authority. It is not a licence to live carelessly; it is divine enablement to live differently.

Paul anticipates modern thinking in verse 15 by saying: *“What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.”*



Jesus Himself said in **John 8:34–36** “... Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed”.

As an illustration, a recovering alcoholic will tell you that stopping drinking is not merely about willpower; it requires surrender to a higher help, accountability, and a new way of living. Grace works similarly. It does not merely forgive the addict — it transforms the identity.

2. Whatever You Obey Becomes Your Master

Romans 6:16 says: “*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*”

This is profoundly relevant today as evident in the fact that:

- 1) Algorithms train our habits.
- 2) Phones command our attention.
- 3) Pornography reshapes brains.
- 4) Debt dictates decisions.

Jesus warned in **Matthew 6:24** that “*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon*”.

Esau traded his birthright for a single meal, as recorded in **Genesis 25:33–34**: “*And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.*”

Short-term pleasure cost him a lifelong inheritance — just as modern people often exchange eternal things for temporary comfort.

3. God Changes Us From the Inside Out

Verse 17 says “*But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.*”

Christianity is not behaviour modification; it is heart transformation. God promised this centuries earlier. **Ezekiel 36:26 states** “*A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh*”.

Paul confirms this in **2 Corinthians 5:17**—“*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new*”.

4. Sin Produces Shame and Death — Righteousness Produces Holiness and Life

Paul asks in verse 21—“*What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.*”

Every path bears fruit. Sin always promises happiness but delivers regret.



Verse 22 contrasts this: *“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.”*

James confirms this spiritual law in **James 1:14–15** *“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”*

Modern neuroscience confirms that repeated behaviour rewires the brain. Habits form neural pathways. Sin literally trains the mind towards destruction — while righteous habits restore emotional and psychological health.

God knew this long before science caught up.

5. Two Outcomes: Earned Death or Gifted Life

Romans 6:23 concludes: *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”.*

Wages are earned. Gifts are received.

No one earns heaven.

Isaiah declares in **Isaiah 64:6** *“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”*

Salvation comes only through Christ. **John 14:6 states** *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

Conclusion

Modern humanity wants freedom without surrender, forgiveness without repentance, and grace without obedience. But God offers something better:

- Freedom from sin.
- A new heart.
- A holy life.
- Everlasting hope.

We are all servants — the only question is to whom?

Joshua challenged Israel in **Joshua 24:15** *“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD”.*

Final Call

Today, God calls us:

- Not from religion to rebellion — but from bondage to belonging.
- Not from rules to recklessness — but from sin to sonship.

May we yield ourselves afresh to righteousness, and walk as free people under grace. Amen.