

Romans 6:15-23

~ Whom Shall You Serve

Review

Ch 3) Christ died for our sins, 4) Saved by faith, not the law, 5) not under law (has no dominion), grace reigns, 6) how we should live under grace

6:1-14:

- Our identification says we are dead to sin. It has no dominion (jurisdiction) over us. Just like the law doesn't.
- If sin does not “reign” over us like it did when in Adam, then why listen to it? Does England reign the U.S?
- Paul is introducing a new way of thinking: you're not a slave to your old man. Recognize it.
- “sin b/c we are a sinner?”. Sin nature is the root, sins are the fruit. Jesus solved both for us. **Rom 3:25, 5:12**

1. 6:15-16

- a. If sin has no jurisdiction (**14**) “shall we sin” – continue to sin just b/c we aren't under the law? **Gal 5:13**
 - i. Should we choose to do wrong with our liberties in the U.S?
 - ii. Do I need a law to tell me not to do something? That's childish & we are adult children of God.
- b. What keeps me from sinning? The act of a sin. Your choices. You're not a slave. **Rom 6:7**
 - i. You can decide not to commit that sin. Reckon the old man dead. Hate sin, no excuses.
- c. You're a servant to whom you yield. – *NOTE “to whom”*
 - i. 2 choices: yield & serve sin or yield & serve righteousness
 - ii. You can serve Satan or Christ. You is not a choice. Serving the flesh is to serve Satan **Eph 6:12, 2:1-3**
 - iii. You need to know this
- d. “know ye not” common for Paul. 2x in this chapter & 3 x in Ch 7
 - i. “Knowing this/that” 2 x in ch 6
 - ii. Know = to perceive w/certainty, understand clearly, to be informed of.
 - iii. As a Christian you need to know things: Not going to get from point A to point B w/o certain knowledge
 - iv. Ch 6 is proof that doctrine/knowledge influences behavior – the mind matters. Renew your mind
 - v. How to know? What to know? Where to learn it? **Ps 119:9, 11, 133**
 - **(9)** take heed, not just read
 - **(11)** hid = reserved, protect, esteem, lay up
 - **(133)** order my steps = direct/arrange my steps “in thy word”
 - Ponder, meditate on, think on, choose to follow the WOG
 - vi. Know: God hates sin. Removed its power/jurisdiction over you. You can serve either the old or new man **Rom 13:14, Eph 4:22-24, Col 3:10-12**

2. 6:17-18

- a. “ye were” Note the positional change – now reckon it so. **1 Cor 6:11**
- b. “obeyed...that form of doctrine” – The body of truth **Rom 1:5, Col 3:16-17**
 - i. God's grace teaches us how to live now, not just how we will live in the future **Titus 2:11-12**

3. 6:19-20

- a. *“I speak after the manner of men”* Paul knows the weakness of the flesh & it is a choice to serve the flesh
- b. Don't relegate it to “I can't do right” – hence the world “yielded”

4. 6:21-23

- a. *“what fruit in those things that you are now ashamed of”* What benefit was there? Answer: death
- b. This should cause us to think about the fruit in our actions before doing them. ***Eph 5:6-11***