

God's Great Slaves

Romans 6:16-23

“In-Between” Slaves

Romans 6:22

⦿ Slaves to sin

⦿ *Having been set free from sin,
but not enslaved to God*

⦿ Slaves to God

Spiritual Fatalism

- ⦿ Characteristic of “in-between” slaves
- ⦿ “I’ll always be defeated by this sin”
- ⦿ “I’ll never become more fervent”
- ⦿ “I’ll never get over the hurt from that painful experience”
- ⦿ “I’ll never grow more in love with Jesus”
- ⦿ “I’ll always be timid in my witness for Christ”
- ⦿ “Come, Lord Jesus, and save me from this miserable life on earth”

We are all Slaves...

Romans 6:16-18

- ◎ The every day choices of your heart determine who your master is:
 - > obey sin (Self)
 - result = death
 - > obey righteousness (God)
 - result = eternal life



The Expansion Effect of Slavery

Romans 6:19-23

Slavery to sin:

- present your members to impurity
 - => more impurity
 - => death (v21)

Slavery to righteousness:

- present your members to righteousness
 - => more righteousness (sanctification)
 - => eternal life (v22)

A Greater Law

*Run, John, run, the law commands
But gives us neither feet nor hands;
Far better news the gospel brings:
It bids us fly and gives us wings.*

- John Bunyan

The Slavery Exchange

Romans 12:9-21

- lust => cling to God's Word
- anger => words of encouragement
- complaining => thankful rejoicing
- fake love => preferential love
- love of money => giving gladly to God's work
- spiritual laziness => devoted servant through prayer
- giving up => persevering

“True grace will make you a greater slave to God than you were a slave to sin!”