

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 11, 1990

“Free From Sin”
Romans 6: 15-23
Part 2

Introduction - Before we became followers of Christ we were slaves of sin, under the control of sin. With Christ we are freed from sin and enslaved to God.

Body

1. Problem. Shall we sin because we are free from the Law?

2. Response. May it ever be!

3. Explanation.

a. Axiom: V 16, you are slaves to the one you obey. If sin controls your live then sin is your master. There is no middle ground. You can be the slave of sin or the slave of God.

b. Argument: V 17, thanks be to God, you were slaves to sin, then you became obedient from the heart to the gospel of Jesus Christ to which you were committed. They said, “I will be obedient” and God says, “Amen.”

How it works out. V. 19, Because you were slaves of sin, now become what you are, slave to righteousness. What is the problem? We have been born again in Christ, we are a new person in Christ we are set free from sin and slaves to righteousness.

The problem is that we have this old body. Our spirit is renewed and alive but our spirit is dragging this old body along. Before, we had chosen sin resulting in further sin. Now, we must choose to present our members to righteousness and as we present ourselves to righteousness this results in sanctification. We can now choose righteousness on the basis of our new freedom and position.

V. 20, When we are slaves of sin righteousness is not even possible. “All of our righteousness is as filthy rags.”

We have position. We have practice. And we have promise. We are freed from sin and enslaved to God resulting in sanctification, and the outcome is eternal life.

c. Absolute: V. 23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”