

Rise
Rise Up from Your Past
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Romans 6:15-23

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Discussion Questions

You don't have to list them, but how many of your sins can you remember?

Now, how many of those does God remember?

What does it mean that God doesn't hold them against you anymore?

Why do you think Paul describes people as 'slaves' so sin?
How can sin enslave someone?

What does being free from sin mean to you?
How does it affect your past, your present, and your future?

So in Jesus, are we still slaves?
What does it mean to be a slave (belong) to righteousness?

What is God doing with you once you belong to Him?
What does that 'sanctification' look like in your life?
What part do we play in sanctification?

How can we live in and find joy in this process of sanctification?