

INSIDEout Series  
Part 2, week 3  
4.4.21  
Romans 6

## **SLAVES TO SIN NO MORE**

Why Easter Matters

### **I. THE GOSPEL CHANGES WHO WE ARE**

#### **A. Now We Are Dead to Sin** (vs 1-2)

- We are those who have died to sin [past tense]
- so how can someone live [future tense] in something they've died to?

#### **B. Now We Are Unified with Christ** (vs 3-5)

- "don't you know"*... ie- remember what you were professing at baptism!

#### **C. Now We Are Freed from Sin's Power** (vs 6-7)

- Our former self was crucified with Christ freeing us from Sin's slavery

#### **D. Now We Are Freed for Life with Christ** (vs 8-10)

- the death and resurrection of Christ was decisive

#### **E. Now We Are Alive in Christ Now and Forever** (vs 11)

- WHO WE NOW ARE, IS WHO HE FOREVER IS (vs 11)
- namely dead to sin, but alive to God

#### **F. Now We Are Instruments of Righteousness** (vs 12-13)

- It's a deliberate response; and a decisive commitment

#### **G. Now We Are Under His Reign of Grace** (vs 14)

- Sin isn't our master, because our position has radically changed from being "under the law" to being "under grace"

THE CROSS CHANGES WHO WE ARE:  
NOW DEAD TO SIN & UNITED WITH CHRIST,  
FREED FROM SIN'S POWER, AND FREED FOR FULL LIFE WITH HIM,  
ALIVE RIGHT NOW AND ALIVE FOREVER,  
HIS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
UNDER THE REIGN OF HIS GRACE.

### **II. THE GOSPEL CHANGES HOW WE LIVE** (We All Serve Something)

Vs 1-14 emphasizes what was done for us: our justification through Christ's death and resurrection; and what was done to us: our identity - through our unification with Christ  
Vs 15-23 emphasize how we live in response: we offer ourselves to God in obedience

**A. We Can't Serve Two Masters** (v15-16)

-We all serve something... we're either slaves to sin, or slaves to righteousness

-With our identity in Christ, we have willingly given ourselves over, (become a bondservant) to Christ

**B. So Thanks Be to God ...4 stages** (vs 17-18)

1. What we used to be (slaves to sin) 17a
2. Shapes what our response is (whole-hearted obedience) 17b
3. Because what has happened to us (we've been set free from sin) 18a
4. Changes what we have become (slaves to righteousness) 18b

Our Righteousness (our rightness with God) comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone

**C. What was Once a Regression is now a Progression** (vs 19-22)

Our Righteousness in Christ leads to "Holiness": (*Sanctification*)

-Being Made into the Likeness of Christ, it's the road to holiness.

Grace leads us to BOTH holiness AND results in eternal life

Jesus gives us His identity AND His purpose here and now

The Gospel changes BOTH who we are AND how we live

**D. The Gift** (vs 23)

Sin pays a wage (and it's only what we have earned)

God gives a gift (and it's free to those who receive it)

1. Is my identity in Christ, or am I in a crisis of identity?
2. What am I giving my life away to?
3. How might I respond to the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus?

*"If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved."*

**-Romans 10:9-10**

THE CROSS CHANGES HOW WE LIVE:  
BY GOD'S GRACE WE ARE FORGIVEN OF SINS  
AND DELIVERED FROM SINNING.  
IT'S GRACE THAT DOES THE JUSTIFYING,  
AND GRACE THAT DOES THE SANCTIFYING.