

# Know ye not? Servants of Righteousness

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”

- Romans 6:16

## 1. Shall we continue in sin?

- a. Last week we learned that in this dispensation, God's grace abounds over sin. Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:20-21)
- b. The question was then raised: if this is true, should we sin to magnify God's grace? (Rom 6:1)
- c. Grace teaches us... how? By explaining what we've been given freely by grace. (Titus 2:11)
- d. We learn that because we died to sin, we should not serve it.
  - i. We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. (Rom 6:3)
  - ii. He that is dead is freed from sin. (Rom 6:7)
  - iii. Reckon these things true. (Rom 6:11)
- e. Sin would have dominion over us if we were under the law. But we are at liberty, the yoke is lifted so that we can serve God! (Rom 6:14, Gal 5:1)
- f. The admonition here is to walk according to what Christ has made you. By faith. This could be hard, because it is not things that you see. (2 Cor 5:7, Col 2:6)
- g. The question is asked again, “Shall we sin because we are not under the law...?” (Rom 6:15)

## 2. Know ye not? (Servants of righteousness)

- a. “His servants ye are to whom ye obey.” Is this fruit inspection? No. (Rom 6:16)
  - i. The righteousness of God without the law is manifested. (Rom 3:21)
  - ii. Righteousness is a gift, not something we attain. Christ's obedience is what is important. (Rom 4:5, Rom 5:17, 19)
  - iii. We are able to walk contrary to who we are. And we ought not. (Eph 4:17)
- b. Obedience can be *of faith*. Faith must be in the right form of doctrine. (Rom 1:5, 6:17, 16:26)
- c. You **are** a servant of righteousness if you are saved. Neither sin nor the law is over you. (Rom 6:18, 20)
- d. “Such were some of you” Paul says this repeatedly. Walk according to who you are.
  - i. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified. (1 Cor 6:11)
  - ii. ...ye were sometimes darkness, but now ye are light... (Eph 5:8)
  - iii. There are behaviors becoming of a saint. (Eph 5:3)
- e. While you were in Adam, sin and death were the only way. Now that you are in Christ, you must learn your standing so that you may walk. (1 Cor 15:22, Col 1:9-10)
- f. The end goal of this doctrine is a walk worthy of the life you've already been given. (Col 3:3-4)
- g. Why serve sin? Why entertain sin? It is contrary to God and contrary to who God made you and set you free from. (Rom 6:20-22)