

SERVING THE PROPER MASTER.

INTRODUCTION:

A. Text: Romans 6:13-23.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Life is made up of choices.
2. We choose either God's way or man's way.
 - 1) Josh. 24:16.
 - 2) Heb. 11:24-25.

I. SIN SEEKS TO RULE OUR LIVES (12-15).

A. Uncontrolled desire is our enemy (12-13; James 1:13-15; 1 John 2:15-17).

1. Note: we control those emotions.
 - 1) "Let not..." "Neither yield..."
 - 2) Psalm 119:133.
2. Christians are free from sin. (Rom. 6:6).

B. Do not misunderstand grace (14-15).

1. Some thought that more grace was given due to more sin (Vs. 1-2).
2. Vs. 14 "...for ye are not under the law, but under grace."
 - 1) "THE LAW" refers to the law of Moses.
 - 2) Christ removed the Old Law (Col. 2:14; John 1:17).
3. Vs. 15.
 - 1) If we are not now under law, we are without any restraints.
 - 2) Remember Rom. 4:15; 1 John 3:4.

II. CHANGING MASTERS (16-22).

A. Verse 16:

1. We obey one of two master (sin or righteousness).
2. To obey, we must know! 2 Tim. 2:15; Hos. 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge..."

B. Verse 17:

1. They once served sin.
2. "... but ye have OBEYED from the heart..."
 - 1) They obeyed doctrine... instructions.
 - 2) John 8:32; Acts 2:37; 22:10.

C. Verses 18-22: Those who seek salvation must live for the Supreme Master.

1. Vs. 19-20 No longer serve iniquity... but righteousness.
 - 1) 1 Thessalonians 4:7.
 - 2) Romans 12:1-2.
2. Vs. 21-22.
 - 1) Demonstrate the change
 - 2) We will serve one of two masters (Matt. 6:19-24).

III. SIN'S CONSEQUENCE (23).

A. Do we realize the reward for sin? Really know?

1. Wages = payday. (Eternal death or eternal life).

B. You make that choice!

1. Eternal death: 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:14.
2. Eternal life: Heb. 5:9; 1 John 2:25.

C. Again... We make the choice... What will it be?