

WCBC SERMON NOTES - MAY 20, 2018

TOPIC: Understanding Seven Great Bible Paradoxes
Sermon 5: *Freedom Through Slavery!*

TEXT: Romans 6:15-23

INTRO:

- Mamertine Prison!

WHAT DOES FREEDOM FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN & SLAVERY TO GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS MEAN:

vv.18,22b

I. FREEDOM FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN: v.18

Note: This took place on the day we accepted the Lord Jesus as our Savior!

1. Who had freed us from the clutches of sin? = The Lord Jesus (Rom. 8:1-2 cf. Eph. 1:7)
2. How did the Lord Jesus accomplish it? = By making us alive (spiritually) in Christ (Rom. 6:2,11 cf. Eph. 2:1,4-5)

II. SLAVERY TO GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS: vv.18,22b

Note: This is one of the reasons WHY Jesus had to free us from sin's control, i.e., to obtain God's righteousness! - II Corinthians 5:21

1. *"leads to holiness"* - v.22b,19 cf. I Peter 1:14-16

Note: Holiness, or sanctification, is not instantaneous. It is a day-to-day process!

How Do We Become Holy?

- A. Through the reading of God's Word - John 17:17; Hebrews 4:12

Note: Be thankful to God when He convicts you of your sin through His Word as this shows that you are not yet callous and insensitive to sin!

- Samson!

- B. Through the corrective discipline of God - Hebrews 12:10

Note: We should be thankful to God when He disciplines us as this shows that we truly are His own! - Hebrews 12:7-8

- C. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit of God - Rom. 15:16 cf. John 16:8
 - Parking Signs!

2. Brings about life everlasting - v.22b

Note: *"Eternal life"* is God's gift to us! - v.23

CONCLUSION: Have you been set free from sin?

To Run After Or To Run From!

A young girl was being examined for membership in a local church. "Has Christ made a difference in your life?," one deacon asked. She replied that He certainly had. Trying to draw from her out more, he asked, "Well then, do you sin anymore?" The girl admitted that she did. "Well, if you sinned before you were a Christian, and you sin since you became a Christian, how has Christ made a difference in your life?" The girl thought for a moment. "Sir, I think it is this: before I was a Christian, I ran after sin. Now I run from it, though sometimes I am still overtaken!"

- Paul L. Tan

Verse For Today

"You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness!" - Romans 6:18

Food For Thought

"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be; but, by the grace of God, I am not what I was!" - John Newton
