

Our Choice Between Masters **Rom. 6:15,16**

6:1-10—Union with Christ set us free from our slavery to sin.
6:11-14—Reckon yourself dead to sin and now live for God.
6:15-23—Choose to live as God's slave and not as sin's slave.

Another odd objection by an imaginary opponent, 15a

As in 6:1, Paul poses a rhetorical question in order to answer an objection that grace promotes sin. In 6:1, the concern = sin is OK since it increases grace; in 6:15 the concern = sin is OK since being under grace negates being under the OT Law.

Again, a fiery response by an appalled Paul, 15b

*As in 6:1 (14x after opponent's objections), Paul sharply answers before an explanation. See also in 3:4,6,31, 7:7.

Principle: You are a slave to whom you present yourself. 16

- ◆ No such thing as spiritual neutrality, II Pt. 2:19, Jn. 8:34
Dt. 30:15ff. We must choose the path of sin or obedience.
Note: slaves to obedience = to righteousness, 18 / God, 22

- ◆ Now as believers we can actually *present ourselves* (see 13,19) as slaves to obedience, which is what we are, 18.

- ◆ Results of our choice: either death or righteousness.
 - *Righteousness = moral righteousness now (sanctification (19,22). Note context and usage in Romans.
 - *Death = spiritual death now (since juxtaposed with righteousness). See Gen. 2:17, Js. 1:15, I Tim. 5:6, Rev. 3:1.
Sin always kills . . . regardless of whom we are.

