

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Feed Tri-Valley - Through July 21st
- Navajo Outreach - Through July 21st
- Women's Day at Cityteam - July 26th @ 9:30am
- VBC Texas vs A's Game with Fireworks - Saturday, July 27th @ 6pm
- Klamath Camping Connections Trip - July 31st - August 5th
- Women's Day at Cityteam - August 9th
- Church at the Fairgrounds - Sunday, August 25th

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Cannons" - Phil Wickham

"Your Grace is Enough" - Matt Maher

"Relevation Song" - Jennie Lee Riddle

"Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

"Jesus Paid It All" - John Thomas Grape, Elvina M. Hall, and Alex Nifong

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$929,718.00

Giving Last Week.....\$33,970.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$895,288.00

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Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Slaves to Righteousness
Romans 6:15-23

REVIEW:

1. We are made righteous through faith in Christ's work. (Rom. 3:21-5:21)
2. Our union with Jesus results in freedom to live a new quality of life. (Rom. 6:1-10)
3. The dominion of sin has been broken. Live like it! (Romans 6:11-14)
4. Grace is not a license to sin.

Rom. 6:1 *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

Rom. 6:15 *What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!*



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Our allegiance to God displaces our allegiance to sin.

1. Our obedience demonstrates our allegiance.

Rom. 6:16 *Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?*

By our very nature we are always under the power of "another."

"Paul insists that even 'under grace' there are obligations of obedience that must be taken seriously. For, as Paul makes clear, there is no such thing as human autonomy, a freedom from all outside powers and influences. Either a person is under the power of sin, or he is under the power of God" (Douglas Moo).

2. Our obedience to Scripture results from a transforming heart.

Rom. 6:17 *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.*

Rom. 6:4 *We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

3. Our obedience produces results.

- a. Obedience to sin always produces more sin.

Rom. 6:19a *I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness,*

- b. Obedience to God produces greater righteousness/sanctification.

Rom. 6:19b *so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.*

"Moral decisions still matter for Christians. Giving into sin results in people increasingly becoming obedient slaves to sin. This kind of activity eventually leads to death, not implying that genuine believers can actually lose their salvation but that sinning leads them in that direction, away from full enjoyment of life with Christ." (ESV Study Bible)

Our allegiance determines the quality of our life.

1. Allegiance to sin destroys our freedom to enjoy our "newness of life (6:4)."

Rom. 6:20 *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.*

2. Allegiance to God allows us to increasingly enjoy all the benefits of Jesus.

Rom. 6:22 *But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.*

Paul's Comparison of Lifestyles: Living as Lost v.s. Living as Saved (20-22)	
The path of the flesh (20-21)	The path of the Spirit (22)
Slaves of sin	Freed from sin
Free from righteousness	Enslaved to God
Having no fruit	Having fruit
Process of shame	Process of sanctification
Death	Eternal life

Given these options, what will you choose?

Rom. 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*