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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
- Student Sunday (Single Service @ 10am) - Sunday, August 18th
- 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

- "Nothing But The Blood" - Robert Lowry
- "Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan
- "Jesus Paid It All" - John Thomas Grape, Elvina Mabel Hall
- "Oh Praise (The Only One)" - Krissy Nordhoff, Michael Farren, Riley Engquist
- "Before the Throne of God Above" - Shane & Shane

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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: DAN GILLETTE & NATALIE MOOG | MESSAGE: JASON MOOG

## MESSAGE NOTES

### BONDservANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

*The Life of Christian Freedom*

Romans 6:15-23

#### REMINDERS & PREP:

1. We are made righteous (**justified**) through faith in: Christ's work not ours. (Rom. 3:21-5:21)
2. Our **union** with Jesus (death & resurrection) results in freedom to live a new quality of life. (Rom. 6:1-10)
3. The **power of sin** has been **broken**. We can now live in a **new reality** and offer our lives **for God's service**. (Rom 6:11-15)
4. **Grace is not a license to sin**. The results of the **two opposing powers** (sin & obedience) are radically different. Choose obedience; **choose life!** (Rom 6:16-23)

**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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**THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE (OF OPPOSING POWERS):** *You serve (belong to) the power you choose to obey.*

**Romans 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?***

*Gal 5:16-17 ESV But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*

**Summary Statement:** Our obedience (trust seen in action) demonstrates our allegiance. You cannot be in the service of both sin and obedience (righteousness) at the same time.

**THE BELIEVER'S NEW POSITION & PURPOSE:** *Bondservants of Righteousness.*

**Romans 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 NLT For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.*

*(See also: 2 Cor 5:17; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Titus 3:3-7)*

**Summary Statement:** Our allegiance to God displaces our allegiance to sin. Our obedience (trust seen in action) to Scripture results from a transformed and transforming heart.

**THE BELIEVER'S PARTICIPATION & PRACTICE:** *Continually declare your allegiance by offering yourself to the service of your King!*

**Romans 6:19** *...For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.*

*Rom 12:1 ESV I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

*2Co 3:18 NLT So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord--who is the Spirit--makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.*

**Summary Statement:** Offering ourselves as slaves to impurity or slaves to righteousness produces significantly different outcomes. One leads to more sin. The other leads to sanctification (increasing transformation & godliness).

**THE BELIEVER'S THOUGHT PROCESS & THE PASTOR'S PLEA:** *Do the math!*

**Romans 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.** 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)**

<b>The path of the flesh (20-21)</b>	<b>The path of the Spirit (22)</b>
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

**Summary Statement:** Our allegiance determines the quality of our life. Allegiance to sin destroys our freedom to enjoy our "new lives (6:4)." Allegiance to God allows us to increasingly enjoy all the benefits of Jesus and our new lives.

**LIFE OR DEATH? CHOOSE LIFE!**

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

**BONUS THOUGHT/CHALLENGE:**