

Women in the Word
November 28, 2023
Romans 6:15 – 23

Yielding
Who is your master?

1. Review

2. Justification and Sanctification

We are _____ perfect – but we are not
_____ perfect.

Justification is an *act*; sanctification is a *work*.

Justification is *for* us; sanctification is *in* us.

Justification is a *transaction*; sanctification is a *transformation*.

Justification *declares* the sinner righteous; sanctification *makes us*
righteous daily in our walk with God.

Justification *removes all the guilt and penalty* for our sin;
sanctification *removes the growth and power* of our sin.

Justification *is the straight gate* through which we enter the *narrow*
way of holiness; sanctification is the *way of holiness itself*.
(Jeremiah, David. *Romans The Gospel of Grace*, 38)

3. Yielding

Slave to sin or a slave to God?

Who will be your master?

Molded to that “form of doctrine” you have received.



Should we continue in sin? **ABSOLUTELY NOT.**
Galatians 5:1, 13, 16 -25

4. Whose slave are you?

The ancient Greek word for *slave* used by Paul here would have included the following meanings:

- One born into a condition of slavery.
- One whose will is swallowed up in the will of another.
- One who is bound to the master with bonds only death can break.
- One who serves his master to the disregard of his own interests.

Using those definitions of slave, what was true about us when we were slaves to sin?

- We were born as slaves to sin.
- Our will was swallowed up and captive to sin within us.
- Our bondage to sin was so strong that only death – spiritually dying with Jesus on the cross – could break the bondage.
- We were so enslaved to sin that we served it to the disregard of our own interest, even when sin destroyed us.

What is true in regard to our slavery to righteousness?

- We are born again, now as **slaves to righteousness**.
- Our will is now swallowed up in the will of God. It is His will that matters to us, not our own.
- We are bound to Jesus with bonds that only death can break; but since He has triumphed over death and has given us eternal life, those bonds will never be broken!
- We now willingly choose to serve Jesus to the disregard of our own (selfish) interests.
(Guzik, David. *Romans*, 88-89)

Is this sinless perfection? No. See Colossians 3: 1 – 11.

What is the evidence of a change in our lives, from sin's domination to righteousness?

5. Both sin and righteousness yield wages.

Sin's wages ➡ Death
God's wages ➡ Eternal life

Questions to consider:

1. How is continual sin in the life of the believer related to salvation? (1 John 3:6, 9)
2. Do Christians retain their old nature?
3. What would you say to someone who claimed that God's forgiveness and grace give us freedom to do anything we want?
4. If Christians are really dead to sin and alive to God, why do we still struggle with temptation?
5. What are some barriers in your life to becoming holy?
6. What are some things in your life that contribute to becoming more holy?