

# *Whose Servant Are You?*

## LESSON 9 – OUTLINE

1. Sin once reigned unto death, but now grace reigns unto eternal life.

**“That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 5:21).**

- A. When you begin to understand the grace of God, it allows eternal life to function in you the same way that the Old Testament Law made lust revive and come through you.

2. Paul went into the second reason for living holy:

**“What then? shall we sin [commit sinful actions], because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:15-16, brackets mine).**

- A. If you live an unholy life, you’re giving Satan access to you.
- B. Jesus came to give us abundant life, but the devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy.

**“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I [Jesus] am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10, brackets mine).**

- C. Since Satan is the author of sin, when we yield to it, we’re yielding to him.

3. Technically, you could go live in sin.

- A. God wouldn’t reject you, but it might harden your heart so much that you reject Him.

**“Exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb. 3:13).**

- B. Satan will put problems in your life.
- C. Sickness and disease can come upon you through living in sin.
- D. Jesus told certain people:

**“Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee” (John 5:14).**

4. Anyone who understands the Gospel isn't going to just go live in sin.

A. God's grace teaches us to live a holy life.

**“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:11-12).**

B. Grace doesn't lead people into sin.

5. We were bound, like a slave, to that old nature; but now, through Jesus, we've been delivered.

**“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you” (Rom. 6:17).**

A. If you could just understand how clean and pure you really are now in God's sight, you wouldn't go out and live in sin.

**“Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness” (Rom. 6:18-19).**

B. The way you see yourself becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

6. Before you were born again, you were a slave to that old sin nature.

**“For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness” (Rom. 6:20).**

A. No matter how good you acted or how much you limited actions of sin, it didn't change your unholy nature.

B. You were **“free from righteousness.”**

C. Back when you were letting your sin nature dominate and control you, there was a lot of fruit—sinful actions and all the death that came with them.

**“What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death” (Rom. 6:21).**

7. Now that you're born again, you're a servant of God.

**“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life” (Rom. 6:22).**

- A. If being “**free from righteousness**” (verse 20) means that as a lost person, you could do some right things but you couldn’t change your sinful nature, then being “**free from sin**” (verse 22) means that even though you can commit some sinful actions, you cannot change your righteous nature.
  - B. If your acts of righteousness as a lost person couldn’t change your sinful nature, then neither can your acts of sin as a Christian change your righteous nature.
  - C. Your nature doesn’t become corrupted every time you sin any more than your nature became righteous every time you did something holy before you were born again.
8. Holiness is a fruit of salvation, not a root of salvation.
- A. Holiness is a byproduct of relationship with God, not a way to obtain it.
  - B. Holiness doesn’t earn us anything from God; it’s just the natural result of understanding our right standing with Him.
  - C. If we could just break free from a performance mentality to truly understand God’s grace, we’d wind up living holier accidentally than we ever have on purpose.
  - D. Once we’re born again, it’s just our nature to start living holy!

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## LESSON 9 – SCRIPTURES

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**“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).**

**“But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb. 3:13).**

**“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee” (John 5:14).**

**“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:11-12).**

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**“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others” (Eph. 2:3).**

**“What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life” (Rom. 6:21-22).**

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## LESSON 9 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Romans 5:21, what reigned unto death?
2. What reigns through righteousness unto eternal life?
3. By whom?
4. What question is asked in Romans 6:15?
5. What was Paul's initial response to this question?
6. According to Romans 6:16, why live holy?
7. What fruit does yielding to sin produce?
8. What fruit does obeying God yield?
9. What threefold purpose does the devil come for, according to John 10:10?
10. Why did Jesus come?
11. Hebrews 3:13 instructs us to what?
12. When should we do this?
13. What can happen if we don't?
14. How did Jesus warn the man in John 5:14?
15. According to Titus 2:11-12, what does the grace of God bring?
16. To whom has it appeared?
17. What does God's grace teach us to deny?
18. How does God's grace teach us to live?
19. When and where should we live this way?
20. According to Romans 6:17, what were we before we were born again?
21. What did we obey from our hearts—believe?
22. According to Romans 6:18-19, believing the Gospel made us what?

23. When that happened, we became what?
24. What, then, should we now yield our members to?
  - A. Uncleanliness unto iniquity.
  - B. Iniquity unto iniquity.
  - C. Righteousness unto holiness.
25. According to Romans 6:20-21, when we were servants of sin, we were what?
26. What was the fruit and end of those things that we are now ashamed of?
27. Ephesians 2:3 says that when we were lost, we were by nature what?
28. Dominated by this old sin nature, how did we behave?
29. Now that we're born again, Romans 6:22 reveals that we are free from what?
30. What have we become?
31. What kind of fruit does this produce in our lives?
32. The end of which is what?