

Romans: The Gospel

Set Free From Sin

Romans 6:15-23

<p>Superbowl , Two teams Halftime show or tpusa Timmy said he'd root for the NJ Devils</p>	<p>THalloween or Hallelujah Harvest Third choice, <i>Worship night!</i></p>
<p>[Pray] :15</p> <p>What shall <u>we</u> say then?</p> <p>Paul, us, if we're believers</p> <p>Under grace, free from the law Now free to sin? <u>NO!</u></p> <p>Gal 5:1 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.</p> <p>Liberty vs. entangled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberty, license, "as we should not as we please" • To held, ensnared, held grudge <p>Why did Christ free you from sin? To make you free from sin!</p>	<p>If you're stuck in (habitual) sin, you're not free!</p> <p>Sin isn't freedom & Freedom isn't for sin</p> <p>warped idea that sin is freedom. It's slavery!</p> <p><u>The deception:</u> Sin wants you to believe it's freedom Why? so you'll do it!</p> <p><i>If you knew it was slavery, would you do it?</i></p> <p>You only see when you're stuck - defeated</p> <p><i>Like a heroin addict who wants to quit but can't</i></p> <p>The Bible is clear: Sin is never excused and there is never excuse to sin</p>
<p>:16-18</p> <p>Who and where are you <u>presenting</u> yourself? That is who you <u>belong</u> to.</p> <p>Spouse, employer, parole officer, uncle sam</p>	<p>Paul makes it very clear in a strong picture: <u>slavery.</u></p> <p>Are you a slave? Do you think you are? Do you think you're not?</p> <p>Prov 22:7 / car lease / mortgage / cc debt</p>

<p>When temptation comes: If you keep turning to sin - your <u>it's</u> slave</p> <p>If you keep turning to God, your <u>his</u> servant</p> <p><i>Slave vs. servant</i></p>	<p>If you're going to be a slave either way, a slave with a master and no choice,</p> <p><u>Which is the better master?</u></p> <p><u>Sin or a Savior?</u> Death or life?</p>
<p><u>"Obeyed from the <u>heart</u> that form of doctrine which actually <u>delivered</u>"</u></p> <p>That's salvation - choosing a new master, <u>from the heart</u></p> <p><i>Prodigal son servant, David doorkeeper</i></p> <p><u>When you finally choose God, you find God has no desire to make you a slave</u></p> <p><i>He throws a party for your return</i></p> <p>Doctrine (you're under) determines destiny <i>constitution, emancipation proclamation, legalism/grace</i></p> <p>Obeyed a doctrine - teaching, instructions</p> <p>Bible teaches there are doctrines of demons</p> <p>Jas 3:15 - This wisdom does not descend from above, but [is] earthly, sensual, demonic.</p> <p>1Ti 4:1 - Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to <u>deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,</u></p>	<p>Look around at the world... (sadly, do the same for the church)</p> <p>Everyone got to where they are by believing a doctrine and being a slave to it</p> <p>"Indoctrination"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • government school, • popular culture • False teachings • Evolution • Modern morality • Religion <p>Demonic doctrine promoted publicly it's almost the end, America is cooked</p> <p><i>Epstein files, Olympic ceremonies, Halftime shows, school curricula, trans shoot</i></p> <p>What doctrine do you obey? Does it actually free from sin? Does it lead you to Jesus, alone?</p> <p><u>If not, it's not from God not matter how good it sounds, popular it is</u></p> <p>Only one thing will set you free...</p> <p>Jhn 8:32 - "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."</p>
<p>Slavery or servanthood</p>	<p><i>"Made to serve"</i></p>

One or the other...

- Saves of sin,
- Servants of righteousness

Follow the decisions in your life

in service or slavery to something
Probably not what you thought

Always a sacrifice, always something served

Sin will lead you until you feel you have no choice

God always gives a way out of sin

Mat 6:24 - "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

- Angels were made to **serve**
- You were made to **love**

Walmart pickup, door dash, uber, modern convenience requires more slaves

Those who are slaves don't want you to be free

- Inner cities
- Misery loves company

Fallen angels and those in sin, want you to be like them, trapped, serving a purpose that will only destroy them - even though it promises temporary "freedom"

Those who are free want you to be free

Ps. 66:18b You have led captivity captive;

:19

Human terms - Why?

we're not spiritually minded! We're too fleshly! Ouch! (More in Rom. 8)

The weakness of our flesh

Mat 26:41 - "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. **The spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak.**"

Our flesh loves to sin and will when we let it

- Long movie, game, doom scrolling
- But pray? Go to church?

Promises of max an hour at church

2 Tim 4:3 not endure sound doctrine

They can't even endure a teaching long enough to lay out sound doctrine

Rom 7:18a - For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells;

If Paul came to realize that, so do we

**Spiritually speaking
Your flesh has nothing good going for it,**

**You must enslave your flesh
Or it will enslave you**

**It reveals who's in charge
Sin or the Spirit**

<p>Excuses, excuses...</p> <p><i>Anything to not do right and get away with wrong!</i></p> <p><u>Whatever it is, it can wait.</u></p> <p><u>Guard your spiritual time.</u> <u>Guard the holy things.</u></p> <p>Remember, the thief comes to ... steal, kill, destroy but Jesus has come to give life abundant</p>	<p><u>Before, our bodies, led us</u></p> <p><i>If it feels good, do it</i></p> <p>Is the Holy Spirit now in charge? Is your spirit, mind and body submitted to him?</p> <p>The flesh is predictable The Holy Spirit is not</p> <p>Jhn 3:8 - "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."</p>
<p>Freedom is letting the Holy Spirit lead</p> <p>But we're weak, and fleshly minded And we don't like what the scripture says</p> <p><i>We want the scripture to say what <u>we</u> want it to</i></p> <p><i>We want the scripture to give us <u>excuses</u></i></p> <p><u>It does not.</u> <u>And therefore we don't like it</u></p> <p>So what do we do? Twist God's word until our flesh is happy.</p>	<p>(if time)</p> <p>Some tough verses in there, too...</p> <p>1Co 7:20-22, 24 - Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. Were you called [while] a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use [it]. For he who is called in the Lord [while] a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called [while] free is Christ's slave. ... Brethren, let each one remain with God in that [state] in which he was called.</p> <p><i>Slavery was bad, but if you're truly free in Jesus, you can be totally fine living out the rest of your life as a slave...but if you find an opportunity to be free, take it.</i></p>
<p>Our Christian duty: present our bodies as slaves of righteousness</p> <p>Gal. 5:22 fruit of the Spirit...self control</p> <p><i>Takes more Holy Spirit to do the dishes...</i></p> <p>God's commands: not optional,</p> <p>1 Peter 1:16 "Be holy, for I am holy." (Leviti.)</p>	<p>What does holy mean? separated unto</p> <p><u>True Christianity is separation from sin, closeness to God</u></p> <p>Not legalism, not hedonism</p> <p>Freedom to live as God lives Not however we want to live</p>

<p><u>Time for me to get in trouble!</u> <u>Don't have to agree</u></p> <p>Tattoos (I could pick a lot of things) <i>My wife has them, b.c. i wanted them, b.c.</i></p> <p>Lev 19:28 - 'You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh <u>for the dead</u>, nor tattoo any marks on you: I [am] the LORD.</p> <p>Getting a tattoo sin? Pagan symbol, death, filth? Flower? verse?</p> <p>The flesh loves to play dress up But it's still the flesh</p> <p><i>But the real question is...</i></p>	<p>you're free to do it, do you <u>have</u> to do it? <u>just as free not to do it?</u> <u>the freedom NOT TO now</u></p> <p><i>Free from permanent mark Even grandma has a tattoo now... The real rebels don't</i></p> <p><i>You're free now, maybe freedom is bigger than you think it is</i></p> <p><u>Do we spend more time trying to see if it's OK or can we just find something better to be occupied with?</u></p> <p>1Co 10:23 - All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.</p>
<p>The heart of whatever the "Freedom" is... Don't you want to be separated (different than the rest)? Do what God does? Go where he goes?</p> <p>Remaining unholy will keep you from the holy</p> <p>Settling for permissible might mean Missing out on the unimaginable Is this as far as you want to go?</p>	<p>Flesh and spirit together - you can't keep your spirit pure while dirtying your flesh</p> <p>Sunday Christian Monday heathen - doesn't work</p> <p>If you've tried it, you know the trouble!</p> <p><i>Peter wash my whole body then Already clean by the word</i></p>
<p>:20-21</p> <p>When a slave to something, free from the obligation/freedom of anything else - Military property</p> <p>2Ti 2:3-5 - You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of [this] life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.</p>	<p>Christian, are not a heathen anymore, and not a "cultural" christian <i>Lukewarm, fruit</i></p> <p>Soldier must obey orders, but are benefits medals, honor, retirement, heroism, going to see the world, experiencing things a civilian never will</p> <p>But you don't have freedom for vacations, certain behaviors, doing your own thing You get up, eat, sleep, run, sit around - when uncle sam says so</p> <p>Jesus it the General Lord of Hosts</p>

<p>Don't you want to please him?</p> <p><i>When the wife says fine</i></p> <p><i>Sometimes we take our faith too casual</i></p> <p>He's your general And you're in a war</p> <p>Why do you want to get entangled with fleshly, earthly, demonic things?</p> <p>Have you forgotten the war you're in? The slavery of the enemy's side?</p> <p>Have you retreated from front lines?</p>	<p>Olympics If you cheat, you're disqualified, dishonored</p> <p><i>Give up normal life to get there</i></p> <p>Heaven itself is a reward...but more!</p> <p>Does Heaven seem like the ultimate freedom?</p> <p>If it doesn't, you haven't really been freed yet!</p> <p>Slave to sin, free from righteousness</p> <p>Slave to righteousness, freed from sin</p>
<p>Before Jesus What fruit did you have?</p> <p><i>Joked with my dad asked if he was a ladies man in hs, college, Laughed and said some things, But later told me how he later realized his behavior was shameful and caused so many problems in his life</i></p> <p>the behavior i had which i thought was for my good, and presented myself to get better and better at it - and it only ruined me more and more - and hurt those around me</p> <p>Are you ashamed?</p> <p>There was no fruit, it only destroyed Maybe sweet at first, but bitter at the end</p> <p>Rev 10:8-11</p>	<p>The word of God, the message of God can be both sweet and bitter for us <u>But it always bears fruit</u></p> <p>The promises of sin taste sweet, but always leave us ruined</p> <p><u>Righteousness may taste bitter in the beginning but be sweet in the end</u></p> <p>Doctrine of Jesus or Doctrine of demons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ruled by the Spirit ● Enslaved by the flesh ● Which life do you present yourself to? <p>The old life - the end of it all, death You know what's down that road neo Are you ashamed of it?</p> <p>A good sign of growth Kids being embarrassed of childhood pictures Me being embarrassed of my wedding photos</p>
<p>:22-23</p>	<p>But now...are things different? Can take time to see...</p>

If not...don't you want more?

Set free from sin

Not that you'll never sin

But you have a choice now

- everything at your disposal to sin less
- war isn't over until the body of sin is gone

Freedom? Free will restored

Garden, free will enslaved us

Jesus, last Adam, gave us our free will back

Free to choose obedience

- We think sin has unlimited pleasure
- But it's limited
- Obedience has eternal pleasure

The sadness of the life constantly under the law, sin, guilt, death, sacrificial system, without relationship

Friends sad in their churches

Or those stuck in sin...

Wanting to be free,

but constantly seeing no way out

Freedom is a life lived free in love with God,

Sin's goal was always to enslave

The deception it gives is that it will give you freedom

You will be like God

You won't die

You'll be happier

You know the lies it tells, you're no stranger to them!

And it'll keep lying to keep someone from choosing the freedom in Jesus

There's no reality in which sin will not end in death

It's why it's forbidden

Immature faith will seek freedom to sin

Maturity is seeking holiness

Animals, babies - eat anything - gotta watch them, stick fingers in the sockets

Our Sin or God's righteousness -

both are guaranteed to pay out

Death or life

God only wants one thing for us, real life, real freedom

**That's the gift - not earned
That's the grace**

It's why he cut off free access to the tree of life, stuck in sin

Until the tree of life of the cross

Now we can eat of eternal life, despite our sinful bodies

Rom 8:23 NLT - And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

A life set free from sin and its separation from God

A life set free to be separated unto God living in the freedom of His love and grace

**God's grace is the key
to set you free - and keep you free**