

Getting Started

1. Have you ever been so absorbed in something that you disregarded everything else?
2. Do you enjoy games or video games? Why or why not?
3. What activities do you enjoy as a pastime?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 86:

Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits,¹ so that he may be praised through us,² so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,³ and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.⁴

¹ Rom. 6:13; 12:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:5-10 ² Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20 ³ Matt. 7:17-18; Gal. 5:22-24; 2 Pet. 1:10-11 ⁴ Matt. 5:14-16; Rom. 14:17-19; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:1-2

When Paul wrote about believers being slaves to righteousness, is this what you envisioned?

6. The early Church developed certain basic traditions about the gospel (1 Cor. 15:3-8), the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-26) and about behavior (1 Thess. 4:1). What basic tradition is evident in Romans 6:15-23?
7. Read John 8:34 and Romans 6:22, 23. To what extent does sin lead to death? To what extent does righteousness lead to life?
8. Christian liberty may seem like an oxymoron after today's message. In Galatians 5:1-15 we see what God has set us free from and what he has set us free to do. What are the answers to those two questions?

Application

9. We all serve a master. That master is either sin or God. The question is not whether one will have a master, but which master one will serve. Serving sin leads to death. Serving God leads to life. Which master are you going to serve?

Praying Scripture

Acts 4

24"Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, **25**who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

"Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed"—

27for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, **28**to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

29And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, **30**while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

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The Gospel: Class is in Session

“Devoted”

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?

Romans 6:16

- We have been set _____ from _____ by _____.
- We are slaves to either _____ or _____.

Which master will you serve?

Topics: Bondage, sin, righteousness