

# Romans

Slaves to Righteousness ([Romans 6:15-23](#))

## Read: Slaves to Righteousness (6:15-23)

## Explain: Slaves to Righteousness (6:15-23)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Paul uses the indicative \_\_\_\_ times in [Romans 6:15-23](#)

What do the words mean and what are some observations of the text?

**15 What then? Are we to sin** [aorist active subjunctive; missed the mark and not share in the prize, erred, sinned, offended, trespassed] **because we are** [present middle indicative—\_\_\_\_\_] **not under law** [*nomos*] **but under grace** [*charis*]? **By no means** [second aorist active optative; to become, to come into existence, begin to be, receive being]! **16 Do you not know** [perfect active indicative; see, know] **that if you present** [present active indicative; stand beside, exhibit, proffer, recommend, substantiate, be at hand, aid] **yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves** [*doulos*; slave, bondservant; same word used in [Romans 1:1](#)], **you are** [present middle indicative] **slaves of the one whom you obey** [present active indicative; hear under, listen attentively, heed, conform], **either of sin** [offense, sin], **which leads to death, or of obedience** [attentive hearkening, compliance, submission, obedience], **which leads to righteousness** [equity, justification, righteousness]? [The question is not, "Are we \_\_\_\_\_?" but, "To whom are we \_\_\_\_\_?"] **17 But thanks** [*charis*] **be to God, that you who were** [imperfect middle indicative] **once slaves** [*doulos*] **of sin** [offense, sin] **have become obedient** [aorist active indicative; hear under, listen attentively, heed, conform] **from the heart to the standard** [die, stamp, scar, shape, statue, style, resemblance, sampler, model, instance] **of teaching** [instruction, doctrine] **to which you were committed** [aorist middle indicative; surrendered, yielded up, entrusted, transmitted, betrayed, brought forth, cast, committed, delivered, gave over, gave up, hazarded, put in prison, recommended], **18 and, having been set free** [aorist middle participle; liberated, exempted, delivered, made free] **from sin** [offense, sin], **have become slaves** [aorist middle indicative; not *doulos*, but *doulos* is the root word for this word; enslaved] **of righteousness** [equity, justification, righteousness]. **19 I am speaking** [*lego*; present active indicative] **in human terms** [human, common to man], **because** [*dia*] **of your natural** [flesh, meat, body, human nature] **limitations** [feebleness, malady, frailty]. **For just as you once presented** [aorist active indicative; stand beside, exhibit, proffer,

recommend, substantiate, be at hand, aid] **your members as slaves** [*doulos*] **to impurity** [impurity, uncleanness] **and to lawlessness** [illegality, violation of the law, wickedness, iniquity, transgression, unrighteousness] **leading to more lawlessness, so now present** [aorist active imperative] **your members as slaves** [*doulos*] **to righteousness** [equity, justification, righteousness] **leading to sanctification** [purification, purity, purifier, holiness, sanctification]. [Mounce: Freedom is not a question of whether or not we would like to serve but the choice of which master we will serve.]

**20 For when you were** [imperfect middle indicative] **slaves** [*doulos*] **of sin** [offense, sin], **you were** [imperfect middle indicative] **free** [unrestrained to go at pleasure, not a slave, exempt from obligation or liability, free, at liberty] **in regard to righteousness** [equity, justification, righteousness]. **21 But what fruit were you getting** [imperfect active indicative; holding, possessing] **at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed** [present middle indicative; feel shame for something, be ashamed]? **For the end** [limit, conclusion, result] **of those things is death.** **22 But now that you have been set free** [aorist middle participle; liberated, exempted, delivered, made free] **from sin** [offense, sin] **and have become slaves** [aorist middle participle; same word used in [Romans 6:18](#)] **of God, the fruit you get** [present active indicative; hold, possess] **leads to sanctification** [purification, purity, purifier, holiness, sanctification] **and its end** [limit, conclusion, result], **eternal** [perpetual, eternal, for ever, everlasting] **life.** **23 For the wages** [rations for a soldier, stipend, pay, wages] **of sin** [offense, sin] **is death, but the free gift** [gratuity, deliverance, endowment, qualification; same word as used in [Romans 5:15, 16](#)] **of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## Apply (What is the point?)

1. There is no \_\_\_\_\_
2. See number 1
3. See number 2

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Choose our \_\_\_\_\_
2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

## Next week: Released from the Law (7:1-6)

## Homework: Ask, Read, Talk, Send