



# Going Deeper

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## Big idea

Grace is not a license to sin. Every person is a slave to something—either sin, which leads to death, or obedience to God, which leads to righteousness and eternal life. In Christ, we have been freed from sin’s mastery and are called to live as servants of righteousness.

## Sermon recap

**Shall we sin? Certainly not! (v.15).** Paul anticipates critics twisting his teaching on grace. To sin deliberately under grace would be as foolish as running back into the ocean after being rescued from a deadly rip current.

**Slaves to one master (v.16).** We must choose who we serve: sin that ends in death, or obedience that leads to righteousness. No one else can make this choice for us.


**Form of doctrine (v.17).** Like molten metal poured into a mold, God shapes believers into His truth. Grace transforms us from unshaped slaves of sin into valuable children of righteousness.

**Slaves of righteousness (v.18).** Because of Christ’s sacrifice, believers owe full allegiance to God. To serve righteousness is to willingly submit to His will.

**Human terms (v.19).** Paul uses plain analogies to make spiritual truths understandable. Just as our bodies once served impurity, we now present them to God for holiness.

**The fruit of two lives (vv.20–22).** Sin produces shame and death, while obedience bears the fruit of holiness and eternal life. What temporary “benefit” did sin ever bring?

**Wages vs. gift (v.23).** Sin always pays its wage: death. But eternal life cannot be earned—it is God’s free gift through Christ Jesus.

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## How to go deeper this week

### Day 1 — Grace isn't permission

**Read:** Romans 6:15; Titus 2:11–12

**Reflect:** How does grace teach us to say “no” to sin?

**Pray:** Ask God to help you see sin's dangers clearly, even when they are hidden.

### Day 2 — Choosing your master

**Read:** Romans 6:16; Matthew 6:24

**Reflect:** Who or what has the most control over your choices?

**Practice:** Write down one area where you need to stop yielding to sin and consciously yield to God.

### Day 3 — Molded by truth

**Read:** Romans 6:17; 2 Timothy 1:13–14

**Memorize:** Romans 6:17b.

**Reflect:** How is God shaping you through His Word?

**Pray:** Thank God for forming you into something of value in Christ.

### Day 4 — The fruit of obedience

**Read:** Romans 6:20–22; Galatians 5:22–23

**Identify:** Compare the fruit of your life before Christ to what God is producing now.

**Practice:** Share one example of God's transforming fruit with a friend this week.

### Day 5 — Wages and gifts

**Read:** Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8–9

**Reflect:** Why is it freeing to know eternal life is a gift, not a wage?

**Pray:** Thank God for Christ's death in your place and the gift of eternal life.

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## Practical applications


- **Daily choice audit:** Each morning, ask: “Whom will I serve today? Sin or righteousness?”
- **Grace perspective:** When tempted, remind yourself: “Grace frees me to obey, not to sin.”
- **Fruit check:** Evaluate the results of your actions. Are they leading to shame or to holiness?

## Reflection and discussion

1. Why do people often mistake grace as a license to sin?
2. How does Paul’s slavery analogy help you understand obedience to God?
3. What “fruit” from your old life brings you shame today?
4. How has God begun to bear new fruit of holiness in your life?
5. What does it mean to you personally that eternal life is a free gift?

## Scripture for further study

- Titus 2:11–14
- Galatians 5:16–26
- John 8:31–36
- 1 Corinthians 6:19–20
- Ephesians 2:1–10

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