

KJV

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 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?

17 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. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 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.

20 **For when ye were** the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 **What fruit had ye then** in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is **death**.

22 **But now being made** free from sin, and become servants to God, **ye have your fruit** unto holiness, and the end **everlasting life**.

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6:15-23 – A NEW MASTER:

Sin's Wages Cannot Match Righteousness's Gift (Sin Can't Pay You to Sin!)

6:15-18: (Q & A) **Grace is not a reason to sin, for you have become obedient slaves of righteousness**

6:19-23: (Explanation of 15-18) **Serve righteousness— for sin pays with death, but God gives eternal life**

Command: Volunteer to serve righteousness... (19)

...Because it pays better! (20-23)

Slavery to sin → death (20-21)

Slavery to God → life (22)

Summary: God gives eternal life (This makes you want to volunteer to serve righteousness— therefore grace does not lead to sin!) (23)

ESV

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

16 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?

17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

20 **For when you were** slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 **But what fruit were you getting** at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is **death**.

22 **But now that you have been** set free from sin and have become slaves of God, **the fruit you get** leads to sanctification and its end, **eternal life**.

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.