

What then? **Shall we sin** because we are not under law but under grace? (v. 15)

✓ Answer: We _____ Why? Because... (4 Reasons)

1) Sinning _____

Don't you realize that **whatever you choose to obey becomes your master?** You can be **a slave to sin...** (v. 16a, NLT)

(Phillips: "You belong to the power which you choose to obey")

[Jesus:] 'I tell you the truth, **everyone who sins is a slave to sin.**' John 8:34

✓ Sin = substituting _____ for _____

2) Sinning _____

...sin, which **leads to death...** Those things **result in death...** the **wages of sin is death.** (vv. 16b, 21, 23)

Sin when fully grown **produces death** — **make no mistake about that, brothers** of mine! James 1:15-16 (Ph.)

✓ Death = _____ from the _____
God _____ for me.

• POINT: Sinning has _____, even for _____
(Example: David in 1 Sam. 11-12)

Whatever one sows THAT will he also reap. Gal. 6:7b (ESV)

3) We've been _____ to sin

You have been **set free from sin...** Now that **you are freed from sin** and employed by God, **you owe no duty to sin.**

(v. 18a; v. 22, Ph.)

You know **what was paid to set you free from the worthless manner of life** handed down by your ancestors. It was... **the costly sacrifice of Christ..** 1 Peter 1:18a-19a (TEV)

4) We've been _____

But now **you are free from the power of sin AND have become slaves of God...** (v. 22a, NLT)

II. WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SLAVE OF GOD

1. It means I _____ God
Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now **offer them in slavery to righteousness** leading to holiness. (v. 19)

Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. Rom. 12:1 (TEV)

• POINT: Get off _____, and get on _____

[Jesus:] If anyone would come after me, he **must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.** Luke 9:23

2. It means I _____ and temptation
The grace of God that brings salvation... **teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives...** Titus 2:11-12

• POINT: Grace is not a forgiveness _____
(cf. 1 John 1:9, 2:1)

3. It means I _____ Him
[Jesus:] **Why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?** Luke 6:46 (NLT)

✓ FACT: The Christian life is a _____ of _____
_____ (cf. Matt. 7:21)

Why is it so hard for us to obey?

1) We don't like being _____

2) We like to _____ the _____ of obedience

3) We feel we must know _____ we obey

4) We're not sure obeying God will _____

✓ 2 Reasons to Obey:

1) To _____ my _____ & _____
If you love Me, you will obey what I command. John 15:14

2) To _____ my _____
Honor Christ and let Him be the Lord of your life.
 1 Pet. 3:15 (CEV)

(Ph. ...concentrate on **being completely devoted to Christ** in your hearts...)

✓ Benefit of obeying: the joy of knowing I'm _____
 _____ and _____ Jesus (cf. Rom. 8:29)
Now you have been freed from sin and have become God's slaves. This results in a holy life... (v. 22, GWT)

4. It means I discover what _____ is
 [Jesus:] **If the Son makes you free, you will be truly free.**
 John 8:36 (NCV)

✓ FACT: True freedom is not the _____ to do _____
 _____, but the _____ to do _____

☛ **BOTTOM LINE:** _____ to not sin
Finally brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection... 2 Cor. 13:11

✓ FACT: The shortest distance between you and the life you long for is _____ to _____

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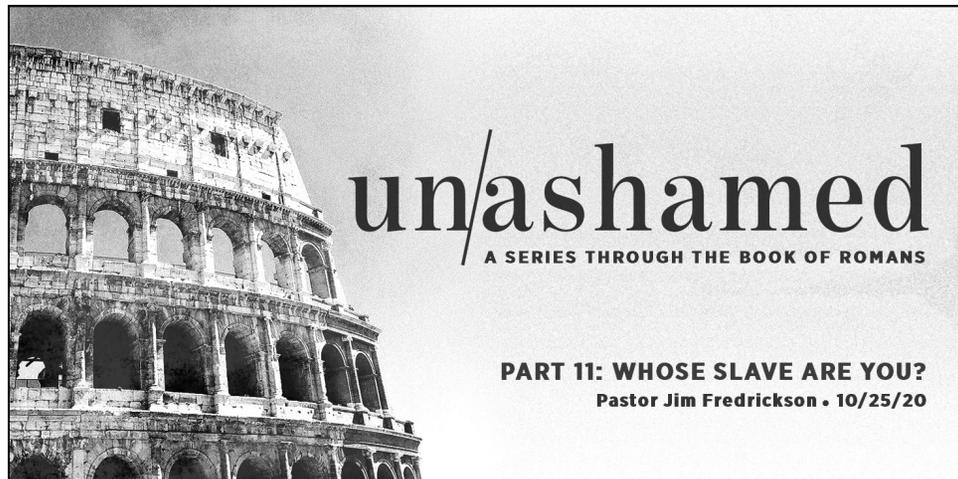
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HOW TO HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- Admit...**that I am a sinner and need God's forgiveness Rom. 3:23
- Repent...**Turn away from my sins and turn to God. Acts 3:19; Rom. 6:11-13, 23
- Believe...**that Jesus died on the cross for me and showed He was God by coming back to life again. 1 Cor. 15:2-4; Rom. 3:33, 10:9, 5:8; Col. 2:14
- Receive...**Jesus into my life as my new Boss. John 1:12; Rom. 12:2

- If you're willing to take these steps, sincerely pray this prayer in your heart:

"Dear God, I know You love me. I believe You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die for my sins and that He rose from the dead. I'm sorry I've lived for myself and I ask for Your forgiveness for all my sins. I want You to be the Boss of my life and live the way You want me to. Amen."



ROMANS 6:15-23

Romans 3:21-5:21	Romans 6-8
_____ : Christ died for me	_____ : I died with Him
He died _____ sins	He died _____ sin
He _____ sin's _____	He _____ sin's _____
_____ : His righteousness _____ (put down to my account)	_____ : His righteousness _____ (made a part of my life)
Saved by _____	Saved by _____

I. TWO PROBLEMS WITH PAUL'S MESSAGE OF GRACE

Problem #1: _____ sin as a _____
What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
 Rom. 6:1

- Answer: We _____ because, in Christ, we died to the _____ and _____ of sin (6:2-13)

Problem #2: Committing _____
 of sin