Paul’s Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God

“You Gotta Serve Somebody”  
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Romans 6:16-18  
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A. On New Year’s Day, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the _____________ - which broke the legal power of slaveowners over their slaves.
B. But a strange thing happened, many of that first generation of freed slaves _______ _________ the plantations.
C. There is a powerful parallel between that fact of history and the _____________ ________ which the Apostle Paul revealed in Romans 6.
D. The good news of the Gospel is: We’re _________!
E. The sad reality is that many of us, Christians, are still living in ___________ to our old master; ________.
F. Romans 6 divides easily into _______ sections.
   1. There are two ______________ with two __________________.
   2. Romans 6:1-14 focuses on ________________
   3. Romans 6:15-23 focuses on ________________.
G. Paul suggests that we are confronted with a choice of only two masters to serve: _______ and ____________.
H. Paul says that when we were slaves to sin, our sin got ___________ and _________.
I. In contrast, serving righteousness will lead to progressively greater ___________ and ______________.
J. Chart:
   A. What Sin Pays           B. What God Pays
      1. ___________ (vs. 19,20)  1. _____________ (vs. 19)
      2. ___________ (vs. 21)    2. _____________ (vs. 22)
      3. ___________ (vs. 22,23) 3. ___________ _______ (vs. 22,23)
K. Summary of truths found in Romans 6:
   1. What God has done is ____________ and ____________.
   2. Two key positional truths: You are dead to ________ and you are united with ____________.
   3. Sin should no longer ________ us, but we should live a brand new _______.
   4. ____________ it true in our own lives.
   5. _________, yielding our bodies to sin and _________ yielding them to God.
   6. We can either serve _________ or serve _________.
   7. Serving God pays off ___________ ___________.
L. ______ ___________ is right, “You Gotta Serve Somebody.”