

Two Masters, Two Outcomes

ROMANS 6:15-23

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There are two **MASTERS**, (v. 15-18)

the original me: **obeys sin** v. 15-16 John 8:34; Ephesians 2:1-3; Titus 3:3; Romans 5:19

↕ the new me: **obeys God** v. 17-18 Romans 6:17-18; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ezekiel 36:26-27; 1 Peter 1:14-15

two kinds of **FRUIT**, (v. 19-22)

sin produces shame v. 19-21 Romans 1:24-27; Galatians 6:7-8; Ephesians 5:11-12; James 1:14-15

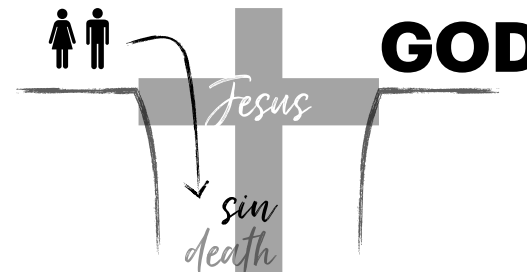
➤ **God produces holiness** v. 19, 22 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Hebrews 12:10

and two very different **FUTURES**. (v. 23)

sin earns death v. 23a Romans 5:12; Romans 6:21; James 1:15; Ezekiel 18:4

God gifts life v. 23b John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; John 10:27-28

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart...
Romans 6:17



Romans 3:23 | 6:23a | 5:8 | 6:23b | 10:9 | 10:13

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



Study Guide
Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

This weekend we heard a few examples of things we can put too much trust into only to find out later they're "bogus." Can you think of a few things people put too much trust in when maybe they shouldn't? — What about you?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

- 1. Read Romans 6:15-23 outloud.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- 2. In what parts of life are people most likely to act like they answer to no one but themselves? Or another way to ask that question might be, what are some everyday areas where people assume they are free to do whatever they want?**
 - How does **Romans 6:15-18** reframe that?
- 3. Read Romans 6:17-18 alongside John 8:31-36.** What do these passages show about the relationship between sin, slavery, freedom, and obedience?
 - How does Jesus's teaching underscore Paul's point?
- 4. Romans 6:19-22** contrasts two kinds of fruit. What are some forms of "shameful fruit" that sin tends to produce in a person's life, relationships, habits, and thinking?

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Romans 6:19-23 (NIV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹⁹ **Because** you are **human**, you **find** this **hard** to **understand**. So I have **said** it in a way that will **help** you **understand** it. You **used** to **give** the **parts** of your **body** to be **slaves** to **unclean living**. You were **becoming more** and **more evil**. Now **give** your **bodies** to be **slaves** to **right living**. Then you will **become**

holy. ²⁰ **Once** you were **slaves** of sin. At that **time right living** did not **control** you. ²¹ What **benefit** did you **gain** from **doing** the **things** you are now **ashamed** of? Those **things** **lead** to **death**! ²² You have **been** set free from sin. God has made you his **slaves**. The **benefit** you **gain** leads to **holy living**. And the end result is **eternal life**. ²³ When you sin, the pay you get is **death**. But God **gives** you the gift of **eternal life** because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.

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Study Guide (continued)

- In 2007 author Jerry Bridges wrote a book titled, *Respectable Sins* where he noted that sometimes we can tend to “santize” certain sins and not think of them as a big deal—but to God they’re still huge. When you made your list of “shameful fruit”, did you include things that Christians often overlook as minor?

- What does “fruit” that “leads to sanctification” look like in ordinary daily life?

- Read Galatians 5:19–23 and compare it with Romans 6:19–22.** What contrasts do you notice between the fruit of the flesh and the fruit of a life shaped by the Spirit?

- Which part of that contrast feels especially relevant for you right now?

Taking It Home

- One of the roles we’re aiming to grow in is that of a **Secure Son/Daughter** as we follow Jesus together. Where are you still tempted to live like the “original you” is in charge—and what would it look like this week to live instead as a loved child of God, resting in grace and obeying from the heart?

If you’re willing, answer this question to your group:

- What tends to pull you back into striving, fear, or old patterns instead of resting in the Father’s love?

Then, if you’re willing, answer at least one of these questions with your group:

- How would resting in grace actually change one concrete decision you need to make this week?
- What is one practical way you can preach your new identity to yourself this week?

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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