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Romans 6:11-23

Who's in the Driver's Seat?

If an automobile carrying a driver and a passenger is involved in an accident, who will the police be more interested in talking to, the driver or the passenger? The obvious answer is the driver, because he or she was in the driver's seat.

The person in the driver's seat controls the vehicle. Parents discover this truth when they teach their teenagers to drive. The teenager in the driver's seat is in control of the vehicle, while the parent in the passenger seat is virtually helpless.

The Bible lets us know there is a "driver's seat" to our lives and **we** decide who occupies that important place of control.

Rom. 6:11 We should consider ourselves dead unto _____ but alive unto _____.

Rom. 6:12 What should we **NOT** allow to reign in our lives?

Rom. 6:13 The word **members** refers to your limbs and body parts. What should we **NOT** yield our bodies to?

What **SHOULD** we yield them to?

Rom. 6:14 "For sin shall not have _____ over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

Rom. 6:15 Are we free to sin, since we are not under Law?

The phrase "**Know ye not**" in verse 16 means, "Don't you understand" or, "Don't you realize?" The truth the Lord wants us to understand is this: **we are the servants (slaves) of whomever we yield ourselves to**. Slavery is a terrible thing and none of us want to become slaves, but the Bible says we make ourselves slaves to whomever or whatever we choose to yield ourselves to.

Rom. 6:16 What results from yielding to sin?

What results from obediently yielding to God?

Rom. 6:17 Why did Paul thank God for the Roman believers?

Everyone who is unsaved is a slave to sin. Salvation involves believing from the heart the Bible doctrine of faith in Jesus Christ.

Rom. 6:18 When a person is set free from sin by trusting Jesus, what do they become the servant of?

Let's take verse 19 apart to make sure we understand it thoroughly. The word **infirmity** means frailness or feebleness.

Rom. 6:19 Why did Paul speak in human terms to his readers?

Before being saved, Paul's readers had "yielded your members servants to _____ and to _____, unto iniquity." When you are a servant of uncleanness and iniquity, the result will be that you do even more iniquity. That describes people before they are saved. Paul said now that they were saved, they should "yield your members servants to _____ unto holiness." When you yield yourself as a servant of righteousness, the result will be holiness (a holy lifestyle). This describes believers.

Rom. 6:20 When you served sin what were you free from?

We often see foods labeled "**FAT FREE**" or "**SUGAR FREE.**" According to verse 20, the life of an unsaved, sinful person could honestly be labeled "**RIGHTEOUSNESS FREE.**"

Rom. 6:21 "What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is _____." The fruit of a life of sin is death.

Rom. 6:22 "But now being made free from _____, and become servants to _____, ye have your fruit unto _____, and the end everlasting life."

The servant of God will bring forth the fruit of holiness. Holiness doesn't **produce** everlasting life; rather, holiness is the natural fruit produced in the life of one **who already has** everlasting life (which comes from faith in Christ: John 3:16).

Rom. 6:23 "For the _____ of _____ is _____; but the _____ of _____ is eternal _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Chapters 1 – 3 revealed our problem: we are all sinners. Wages are something we earn. What do we earn by sinning?

God's solution is a gift. A gift is something you can't earn or pay for. What is God's gift to those who trust the Lord Jesus Christ?

Concluding Thoughts: What have you discovered in this lesson?

We are the servants (slaves) of whomever we yield ourselves to. Whoever or whatever you yield yourself to is in the driver's seat of your life, controlling the direction, course, and speed of your life.

If you yield yourself to unrighteous behavior, you will become a slave to sin. The end result of such a life is death.

Those who have new life in Christ seek to daily yield control of their life to the Lord Jesus. If you “*yield yourselves unto God, as those that are **alive from the dead***” (v. 13), you will become a servant of righteousness. The end result of yielding to God is holiness and eternal life.

Who are you yielding yourself to? Who’s in the driver’s seat of your life, you or Christ?

If you have been yielding to sin, confess your sin and turn away from it. Pray and tell God about it right now.

Project: Memorize **Romans 6:23**. Before making any decisions this week, ask yourself, “What (or who) am I yielding to?”