

To what are you a slave?



Present ourselves to **SIN**

Present ourselves to **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

In Christ we won the war; in Christ we fight the battle!

- (1) We win over sin with a biblical perspective of the battle and the war, 6:12-14.
 - We fight the battle with the understanding that we have won the war.
 - Godly determination / A biblical strategy for warfare / Great confidence in our victory.

- (2) We win over sin as we present ourselves in obedience to God's reign of grace, 6:15-19.
 - We understand and accept God's purpose and plan for grace, 6:15.
 - We understand the correlation between obedience and slavery, 6:16.
 - We understand obedience from the heart leads us to sanctification, 6:17-19.

- (3) We win over sin as slaves to God who reap the fruit of holiness that yields the reality of eternal life now, 6:20-23.
 - We believe God in regard to our "freedom" choices, 6:20-21.
 - We taste God and the fruit of God as we live as his slaves, 6:22-23, cf. Psalm 34:8.

(Psalm 34:8 ESV) Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!



Best Place in the Universe!

Just as the slave must "will" the will of his master, our usefulness to Jesus depends on the extent to which we will the will of God. We are not robots. Rather, in love we choose to return to the position of obedient dependence on God in which He created us. This may seem an unpleasant idea to some, but as God's creatures this "slaveness" is the only place of joy and the only place of usefulness (Francis Schaeffer).

Creature bowed before the Creator!



Having Become Slaves of God! / Romans 6:12-23