

Romans 6: 15-23

Grace that is good and stronger



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Romans 6:15-23

1. Read Romans 6:15-23. As had been the case in Romans 6:1, Paul again, in Romans 6:15, answers a complaint against his teachings, against his understanding of the gospel. What is the complaint? What is the accusation?
2. Throughout this passage, Paul uses the language of slavery and freedom. He teaches that there are two great powers under which humans are slaves. What does he call those powers in 6:16, 18 and 22?
3. Discuss 6:17. What is this new pattern of teaching that is to be obeyed? How is it different to the law of Moses?
4. In 6:21-22 the word translated by the NIV as “benefit” is the word for “fruit”. What is the fruit of life lived in slavery to sin? What is the fruit of life lived in slavery to righteousness?

The Scriptures – Romans 6:15-23 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. Paul commences and ends his letter to the Romans with the phrase “the obedience of faith” or “the obedience that comes from faith” (1:5, 16:26). Discuss what that phrase means.
6. Throughout this passage, Paul uses the language of worship when he speaks about offering or presenting yourself to Sin or Grace. Read Psalm 135:15-18, one of the great psalms about true and false worship. What happens to people who worship false gods, who are enslaved to idols?
7. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What is the difference between the old covenant and the law given to Moses, and the new covenant and new law which Jeremiah anticipates?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Romans 6:15-23 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. What are some areas in your life in which you struggle to be obedient to God?
9. How can we pray for you as you seek to be obedient from the heart to God’s grace?