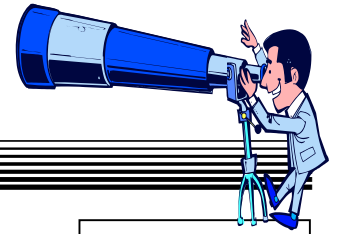


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part 5

Set Free to Live Right

Looking to the Benefits of Obedience



1. Consider _____ (vv.19-23a)

2. Think _____ (vv.19b-22)

3. Remember _____ (v.23)

Romans 6:19-23

¹⁹I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

²⁰When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

²¹What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. How would you describe the "here-and-now" advantages of obedience?

Read **Galatians 6:7-9**. What are some of the specific destructive effects of the following sins?

- Gossip –
- Greed –
- Envy –

2. Describe an aspect of your life where *obedience* in a particular area has become increasingly addictive?

3. Read **Revelation 22:12**. How does this verse motivate your progress in sanctification?

Read **Matthew 6:20-21** and **Colossians 3:1-4**. How would the combination of these two truths change the way you face the enticements and temptations of sin?

4. Carefully and repeatedly read **Romans 6:22 & 23**. Why is the knowledge of *both* of these verses important when one attempts to understand sanctification? What abuse can occur when one verse is emphasized without being mindful of the other?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

November 22nd
Dan.1-2 & Jms.3

November 23rd
Dan.3-4 & Jms.4

November 24th
Dan.5-6 & Jms.5

November 25th
Dan.7-8 & 1Pt.1

November 26th
Dan.9-10 & 1Pt.2

November 27th
Dan.11-12 & 1Pt.3

November 28th
Hos.1-2 & 1Pt.4-5

November 29th
Hos.3-4 & 2Pt.1

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

- CD # 0816 – **Why It's All Worth It**
- CD # 0732 – **Seeing Obedience as an Act of Worship**
- CD # 0703 – **Motivated by a Fear of Being Phony**
- CD # 0621 – **Watching Out for the Pacifying Benefits of Dating Christ**

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