

ROMANS 24 – 6:15-23

Servants of Righteousness

1. 6:14

- a. The problem of our sin nature (6:1) and the sins we commit (6:15) are different
- b. Sin is the root, sins are the fruit; Christ solves both – Rom 3:25 vs. 5:12
- c. Being under the law is designed to generate guilt; we are under grace – Rom 3:19
- d. The old man has no jurisdiction to accuse, condemn, kill; you're not subject to it
- e. You have resurrection and life freely, your power to live is in Christ not in Adam

2. 6:15-16

- a. The question: "*shall we sin*", that is the act, and does it matter? Is it innocuous?
- b. If we are saved by grace, promised life, does this mean I can rob the bank? No.
- c. What keeps us from sinning? Answer: Your choice. You're not a slave! Rom 6:7
- d. You must reckon yourselves dead, learn to hate sin and evil - Rom 1:28-3:21
- e. "*to whom ye yield...*" – a profound statement of jurisdiction like Mat 22:15-21
- f. Serve sin, you reap death; serve obedience you reap righteousness – Gal 6:7-8
- g. You choose to serve your old man or the new – 2 Cor 6:1, Rom 13:14, Eph 4:24
- h. You don't have to be brought under the power of sin – 1 Cor 6:12

3. 6:17-18

- a. "*ye were...*" that is a positional truth – 1 Cor 6:14-15
- b. "*but ye have obeyed from the heart*" – That is of the faith believed – Rom 1:5, 16:26
- c. "*that form of doctrine*" – doctrine will create the necessary action – Titus 2:11-12
- d. There is a form to words, not just any doctrine – 2Tim 1:12-14, 2Tim 2:1, 1Tim 1:3
- e. When the form (doctrine) is correct, the result will be right – 1 Thess 2:13
- f. When you see wrong behavior, it's because the doctrine is wrong – 1 Cor 15:33
- g. The doctrine defines the form, image, boundary – Rom 8:29, Phil 3:10, Rom 12:2
- h. "*ye became...*" – something else in Christ, obedient to death, living unto Him

4. 6:19-20

- a. "*b/c of the infirmity of your flesh*" – which thinks sin is the only operation
- b. "*as ye have yielded*" – Which we all have done so, even so yield to righteousness
- c. This is not the law which only covered 613 points and appealed to the flesh

5. 6:21-23

- a. "*ye are now ashamed*" – This is the mind that is required before ch. 7 – Eph 5:3, 12
- b. If we think we were something, then we are nothing – 1 Cor 8:2, 2 Tim 2:15
- c. We are accepted not b/c of who we were, but who we are in Christ – Eph 1:6
- d. "*end of those things*" – the old man is a failing proposition, as is the law 2 Cor 3:7-8
- e. "*but now...*" - which comes as a result of being in Christ, not your works
- f. What shall we do? Know our identity in Christ, and walk accordingly – Rom 8:2