



## Slaves of Righteousness

## Romans 6:15-23

### Something to Start Us Off

- What is it about human nature that seems to lend itself to some form of servitude?

### Something to Notice

Let's read Romans 6:15-23 slowly and mark a few phrases that tell us something important. Here are some that might stand out to us.

- Count all the times the word *slaves* appears in these nine verses.
- Other repeated words include *sin*, *obedient/obedience*, and *righteousness*.
- 6:23 is an important verse pertaining to the gospel and how we are saved.
- *Eternal life* is a phrase used mostly by John, but Paul uses it twice in this passage.

### Something to Learn

#### **Key Insights:**

\* 6:15 is somewhat parallel to 6:1. The same sort of question or challenge is being addressed.

\* The word for *slave* in this section is *doulos*. Paul, like other NT authors, uses this term about himself at the beginning of the letter. See 1:1, "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus."

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Describe what it means to be a "slave to sin." (See 6:16-17.)
- What does it mean then, to be set free from sin (6:18)?
- Now how about "slaves to/of righteousness" or "slaves of God"?
- Do you have an experience that compares to what Paul is talking about here—one in which you were set free from a form of bondage into the freedom of serving Christ?
- Let's discuss Romans 6:23 and how it relates to a more complete gospel message.

### Something to Take Home

- Memorize and/or meditate on Romans 6:23 this week. As stated above, this is an important verse pertaining to the gospel and how we are saved.