

Obedience from the Heart
Romans 6:15-18
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Thesis: I want to show what happens when one truly obeys from the heart.

Intro:

1. True obedience is what God desires.
2. Such obedience comes from the heart and changes lives.

I. Is Grace a license to sin? (**Rom 6:15**)

- A. Never is there a license to sin.
 1. Just because God is gracious doesn't mean He winks at them or ignores them.
 2. An "indulgence to sin" does not exist.
- B. Sin is never tolerated by God.
 1. Wrong is always wrong. The time or place does not affect right or wrong.
 2. God's grace doesn't mean sin is now ok.
 - a. One of the reasons Martin Luther started the reformation (not restoration) is because he found a drunk in the ditch who said he had bought an "indulgence" to sin from the local priest. Thus, he said he had no reason to confess or repent of his actions.

II. To what are you a slave to? (**Rom 6:16**)

- A. You are a slave to whom you obey, righteousness or sin.
 1. This verse teaches us that it is what we do that defines us.
 2. If what we do is sin and follow unrighteousness then what we are is a slave to sin.
 3. So what defines you, sin or righteousness?

III. The importance of obeying from the Heart (Rom 6:17-18)

- A. No longer a slave to sin. (**17a**)
 1. Sinful living can be something we speak about as past tense.
 2. Something that may have once defined us, but not any longer.
- B. Obedience from the heart makes one a slave of righteousness. (**17b-18**)
 1. It is obedience that makes us a slave to righteousness.
 2. We are set free by truth and the truth is in gospel.

Conc:

1. One can never be a slave to righteousness until they have obeyed from the heart, which is true obedience.
2. What are you a slave to? Have you obeyed from the heart?

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.