

I. We should live as joyful slaves of God because of our _____ (19).

A. We have been called from a life of ____.

B. We have been called to _____.

II. We should live as joyful slaves of God because of the _____ that's occurred (20-22).

A. We used to be slaves to ____ (20-21).

1. We were free from _____.

2. We did what was _____.

3. We were doomed to _____.

B. We are now the slaves of ____ (22).

1. We can experience _____ over sin.

2. We can experience _____ in life.

3. We can experience _____ life.

III. We should live as joyful slaves of God because of the _____ (23).

A. Sin's wage is _____.

B. God's gift is _____.

Make It Personal: Our joy is linked to two questions.

1. Have I _____ God's gift?

2. Am I _____ in light of God's gift?

Community Group Discussion:

1. Today we're concluding our series, No Longer a Slave to Sin. How has the Lord used this series in your life? What have you learned about Him and yourself?

2. After reading today's passage, Romans 6:19-23, discuss the title of the message, Joyful Slaves of God. The words don't seem to go together, do they? Joyful slaves? Slaves of God? How is slavery the means of our fullest joy?

3. In verse 19 we are told to present our members as "slaves to righteousness". What does this mean? How does it "lead to sanctification" as the rest of the verse states?

4. What do we learn about freedom in verse 20? In verse 22? How is this concept of freedom different from what the world believes about freedom?

5. Verse 23 is a familiar and wonderful verse which is often used in evangelistic presentations. But what is this verse actually saying in its context? How can it bring great hope to us as Christians this week?