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Chapter 6:11-23

Imperatives Consistent with
Our New Life in Christ

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Slaves to Righteousness

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For when ye were servants of sin, ye were free in regard of righteousness. What fruit then had ye at that time in the things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life. For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- **We must think about ourselves** the same way God thinks about us
 - God considers us righteous if we put on Jesus and his death
 - We must think of ourselves as righteous

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When we think this way:

- We will *not*:
 - Be compelled to obey lusts because sin does not reign
 - We will not present our members as instruments of unrighteousness
- We *will*
 - Be reigned over by God
 - Present ourselves as His instruments

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The fact of the matter:

- **Law** will not allow us to reckon ourselves as dead to sin and now alive
- This reckoning is only possible through **grace**

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This would be going back to where you were

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- A choice between “masters” not “slavery” v. “freedom”

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Obedience from the heart is what frees from sin to become servants of righteousness

- From the discussion in vss.1-11 we know that Paul is discussing baptism here as the transition point
- The heart's involvement in obedience comes up again in 10:9f

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Cf. Hebrews 5:11-12

Dull of hearing - **Νωθοι ταις**

ακοαις: Your souls do not keep pace with the doctrines and exhortations delivered to you. As **νωθος** signifies a person who walks heavily and makes little speed, it is here elegantly applied to those who are called to the Christian race, have the road laid down plain before them, how to proceed specified, and the blessings to be obtained enumerated, and yet make no exertions to get on, but are always learning, and never able to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

Albert Clarke

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Paul's imperative in contrast to "continuing in sin that grace may abound" – give yourself to righteousness as you gave yourself to uncleanness.

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Old you with no relationship to righteousness

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New you and new life

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