

## **Saying Yes to No** **Romans 6:14-23**

True freedom empowers us to say no!

### **I. Under Law, Under Grace**

*Remember this: sin will not conquer you, for God already has! You are not governed by law but governed by the reign of the grace of God. What are we to do, then? Should we sin to our hearts' content since there's no law to condemn us anymore? What a terrible thought! Don't you realize that grace frees you to choose your own master? But choose carefully, for you surrender yourself to become a servant—bound to the one you choose to obey. If you choose to love sin, it will become your master, and it will own you and reward you with death. But if you choose to love and obey God, He will lead you into perfect righteousness.*

Romans 6:14-16

*For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.*

Philippians 2:13

*If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 4:11

*Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.*

Galatians 5:2-4

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Under Law - Keeping rules so I can be right in God's sight

Under Grace - All of my righteousness is a gift

Jesus is all of your righteousness or He is none of your righteousness.

### **II. Serving Sin, Serving Righteousness**

*And God is pleased with you, for in the past you were servants of sin, but now your obedience is heart deep, and your life is being molded by truth through the teaching you are devoted to. And now you celebrate your freedom from your former master—sin. You've left its bondage, and now God's perfect righteousness holds power over you as His loving servants.*

Romans 6:17-18

*So tell me, what benefit ensued from doing those things that you're now ashamed of? It left you with nothing but a legacy of shame and death. But now, as God's loving servants, you live in joyous freedom from the power of sin. So consider the benefits you now enjoy—you are brought deeper into the experience of true holiness that ends with eternal life!*

Romans 6:21-22

### **III. Sin's Meager Wages, God's Lavish Gift**

*For sin's meager wages is death, but God's lavish gift is life eternal, found in your union with our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.*

Romans 6:23

*With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood! They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness.*

2 Peter 2:14-15