

What's the Point of Resisting Sin?

Romans 6:15-23

Introduction: When a Christian contemplates giving into a single act of sin, it should trigger a thought process regarding the fundamental human propensity toward slavery. Those who serve sin reap the reward of slavery and death. Those who serve righteousness experience the reward of sanctification and the experience of divine life.

- 1. *OPENING QUESTION – Should we sin now and then? Romans 6:15***
 - A. The imaginary objector makes a statement. 6:15a
 - B. Paul's answer: "May it never be!" The premise is right but the conclusion is wrong. 6:15b

- 2. *1ST REASON TO RESIST SIN – Sin leads to further slavery. Romans 6:16***
 - A. The principle – A universal principle about life. 6:16a
 - B. Option #1 – When you present yourself to sin it results in the experience of death. 6:16b
 - C. Option #2 – When you present yourself to God, it results in further righteousness. 6:16c

- 3. *2ND REASON TO RESIST SIN – Sin is inconsistent with our new identity. Romans 6:17-20***
 - A. Our new position – In Christ we have a new identity. 6:17-19a
 - B. We "became obedient from the heart" when we responded to the gospel. 6:17
 - C. Examples of our new identity...
 - D. Back to the big picture: So why should we resist sin?

- 4. *3RD REASON TO RESIST SIN – Sin is inconsistent with our new destiny. Romans 6:21-23***
 - A. Three observations based on 6:21-22.
 - B. How to experience God's life in the present (6:22). See chart.
 - C. Back to the big picture:
 - D. How does verse 23 fit in?