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**\_\_\_\_\_ out the Reality That You Are Dead to Sin (6:12-23)**

After clearly teaching Christians that they were dead to sin, he now tells them they must not let sin rule over them. The power of sin is indeed broken, but believers must still choose to do right.

**You must yield to God, not sin because you have a \_\_\_\_\_ . (12-13)**

We are dead to sin – that is a fact. But we can still choose to sin or choose to obey God, and this is a decision that everyone must make over and over again.

**You must yield to God, not sin because whatever you serve is your \_\_\_\_\_ . (14-20)**

Throughout these verses we see the words “obey” or “obedience” show up several times. Sin’s ultimate power over us has been broken, yet if we choose to sin, we are choosing to obey our old master and let him rule us. In other words, you don’t have to be a servant of sin now that you are in Christ, but you can be one if you really want to.

**You must yield to God, not sin because the consequences are \_\_\_\_\_ . (21-23)**

What if someone decides they would rather just be a slave to sin? Paul asks the Christians he is talking with what the outcome has been of their sinful lifestyle. Then he gives the answer “The end of those things is death.” When we yield to sin, when we choose to serve sin, it will always lead to death. In contrast, we could be living for holiness, which always leads to life. At the heart of every sin we commit is a belief that that this instance sin will not really lead to death and obedience will not really lead to life.

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