

**Are You Obeying
from the Heart?**

Romans 6:15-18

Introduction

- In Romans 6:16-18, Paul commends the saints for having obeyed the Lord from their hearts.

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

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17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ***Rom 6:16-18***

How Do We Obey from the Heart?

- Obedience from the heart begins with us learning God's word.
 - The apostles preached the gospel in hopes people would hear and believe. **Rom 10:14-17**
 - Knowledge of God's word should provoke a conviction of heart. **Ex. Acts 2:36-37; 16:25-34**
 - A convicted heart should lead to obedience.
 - The issues of life (thoughts, words, and choices) come from the heart. **Prov 4:23**
 - Good comes from a good heart. **Luke 6:45**

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- How had the Christians in Rome obeyed the Lord from their hearts?
 - They had died to sin. ***Rom 6:1***
 - They had been baptized into Jesus' death. ***Rom 6:3-4; cf. Gal 3:26-27; Col 2:11-12***
 - They had been united in the likeness of Jesus's resurrection. ***Rom 6:5***
 - They crucified that old man of sin. ***Rom 6:6-7***
 - They were now alive with Christ. ***Rom 6:8-11; cf. Col 2:13***

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- How do we obey from the heart?
 - We present ourselves as “instruments of righteousness to God.” ***Rom 6:12-14***
 - We present ourselves as “slaves of righteousness for holiness.” ***Rom 6:17-19***
 - We present ourselves as “slaves of God.” ***Rom 6:20-23***
 - We set our hearts on doing God’s will. ***Matt 7:21-23***

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10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

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Conclusion

- If you are not a Christian,
 - Then let faith be established in your heart through hearing God's word.
 - Then, being provoked by that faith, obey from your heart the doctrine of Jesus Christ.
- If you are a Christian, then continue to obey the Lord from your heart. Such obedience will be genuine and consistent within your life.