

Christian Freedom vs. Worldly Freedom
Romans 6:20-23 (pg. #943 in pew Bible)

John 8:31-36

*Only Jesus Christ can give sinners
 eternal freedom from sin's curse!*

Big Idea: *The eternal freedom that Jesus gives is infinitely greater than the deadly freedom of this sinful world.*

Slaves of Sin (6:20-21)	Slaves of God (6:22)
6:20 – “Free” in regard to righteousness	6:22 – Set free from sin
6:21 – Fruit leads to <u>shame</u> and <u>death</u>	6:22 – Fruit leads to <u>sanctification (holiness)</u> and <u>eternal life</u>
<p>6:23a – Wages of Sin = Death</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Earned & Fully Deserved Death</u></p>	<p>6:23b – (Free) Gift of God = Eternal Life [<i>through Jesus Christ our Lord (or “Master”)</i>]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Graced and Fully Undeserved Life</u></p>

- I. Worldly freedom brings _____ and leads to eternal _____. (6:20-21)
- II. Christian freedom brings _____ and leads to eternal _____. (6:22)
- III. While sin's reward is fully deserved _____, God's gift through His Son is fully undeserved _____. (6:23)

Observations and Implications

- Being a slave to sin is never good and always leads to eternal spiritual death and separation from God.
 - If you are a slave to sin, turn to Jesus Christ in faith and repentance!
 - If you are slave of God (i.e., a Christian), live like one!
- **Because of their union with Christ, Christians are slaves of God and are destined for eternal life with Him.**
 - If you are a Christian, live in light of your position in Christ rather than for any worldly, sinful pursuits.
 - If you are not a Christian, your only hope for being saved from eternal condemnation is Jesus Christ. So run to Him and be saved!