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Which dominion is yours – Romans 6:14-16

- To the person who, by faith, follows through with 11-13, 14 is saying that sin shall not be master over you or sin will no longer have dominion over you.
 - As we count upon the revealed spiritual facts, we will not go on presenting our body as instruments (*hopla*: military assets) under the command of the usurping ruler, who will do unrighteous acts - acts contrary to who we are in Christ - with those military assets
 - How very much better to worship the risen Lord with Whom we are now seated, by presenting ourselves to God as military assets for His righteousness
 - The choice of faith is going to be for us as believers not to present ourselves as military assets for the sin nature's spiritual tyranny, but as military assets of the righteousness of God
 - Master was also used in verse 9
 - Is death the master over Christ? NO
 - Is sin the master over believers? NO – positionally and it is not to be conditionally



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- Master – to exercise influence upon, to have power over
 - Sin shall not exercise influence on believers or have power over them.
 - If believers are, by faith, walking in the truths in verses 3-13 then this will be true in their lives.
- Why will sin not be master over us? Why is this true?
 - For you are not under law but under grace
- For you are not under law (right now not under the law)
 - What law is this referring to? John 1:17
 - Law is man working for God
 - We have died to the law (Romans 7:4-6)
 - The law was given to Israel, never to the Church
 - Galatians 3:23-25, 4:21-5:1
- But under grace (right now under grace)
 - God working for man
 - Died, buried, raised, walking, seated and ascended with Him vs.3-10
 - Romans 8:1-4
 - Titus 2:11-13



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- Verse 15 – What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!
- Look back at verse verses 1-2 – What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may increase? May it never be!
 - Again verse 15 is a rhetorical question with the obvious answer of NO!
 - Sometimes it is hard for people to see and understand that grace is a greater motivator in the Christian life than law.
 - And some are afraid they will sin more because they are not under the law.
 - The truth is that sin shall not be master over us because we are not under the law but under grace.



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- Do you not know (vs. 3 mentions the same thing)
 - Verse 3 – present spiritual knowledge which they had because they were taught it as believers (present, active, indicative)
 - Verse 16 – knowledge which they had as unbelievers so therefore they would know it now (perfect, active, indicative)
- What knowledge is this talking about?
 - Their own cultural and legal knowledge of slavery in Rome
 - Nearly 50% of the population of Rome and the peninsula of Italy in the first century were slaves. So, Paul is using a cultural example which the readers would relate to
 - People of the time could also sell themselves into slavery – one reason to do this would be to get out of a unplayable debt
- Presenting/yielding oneself
 - Presenting oneself made them a slave to whoever they presented themselves to
 - Present – to place a person or thing at ones disposal



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- Spiritual aspect of this presenting/yielding
 - Present oneself to sin or to obedience
 - When presenting or putting oneself at the disposal of sin the result is death – at the disposal of the sin nature
 - Equivalent to walking in the sin nature
 - One could say here I am sin nature, do with me what you want and the result is spiritual death – slave to sin and death
 - broken fellowship with God
 - Holy Spirit is grieved
 - God is not glorified
 - Deeds of the flesh are manifest
 - When presenting or putting oneself at the disposal of obedience the result is righteousness – at the disposal of the life of Christ
 - What does it mean to put oneself at the disposal of obedience?
 - To be actively trusting in God's revealed truth - Romans 1:5 & 16:26
 - One could say here I am Lord, do with me what you want and the result is righteousness – slave to righteousness and God (Romans 12:1)
 - Equivalent to walking in the Spirit
 - The righteousness of God is manifested, the fruit of the Spirit
 - We are enjoying fellowship with God
 - God is glorified



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- Believers have changes masters
 - We are born out from the slavery of the sin nature into the slavery of righteousness, the new nature – the very life of Christ

