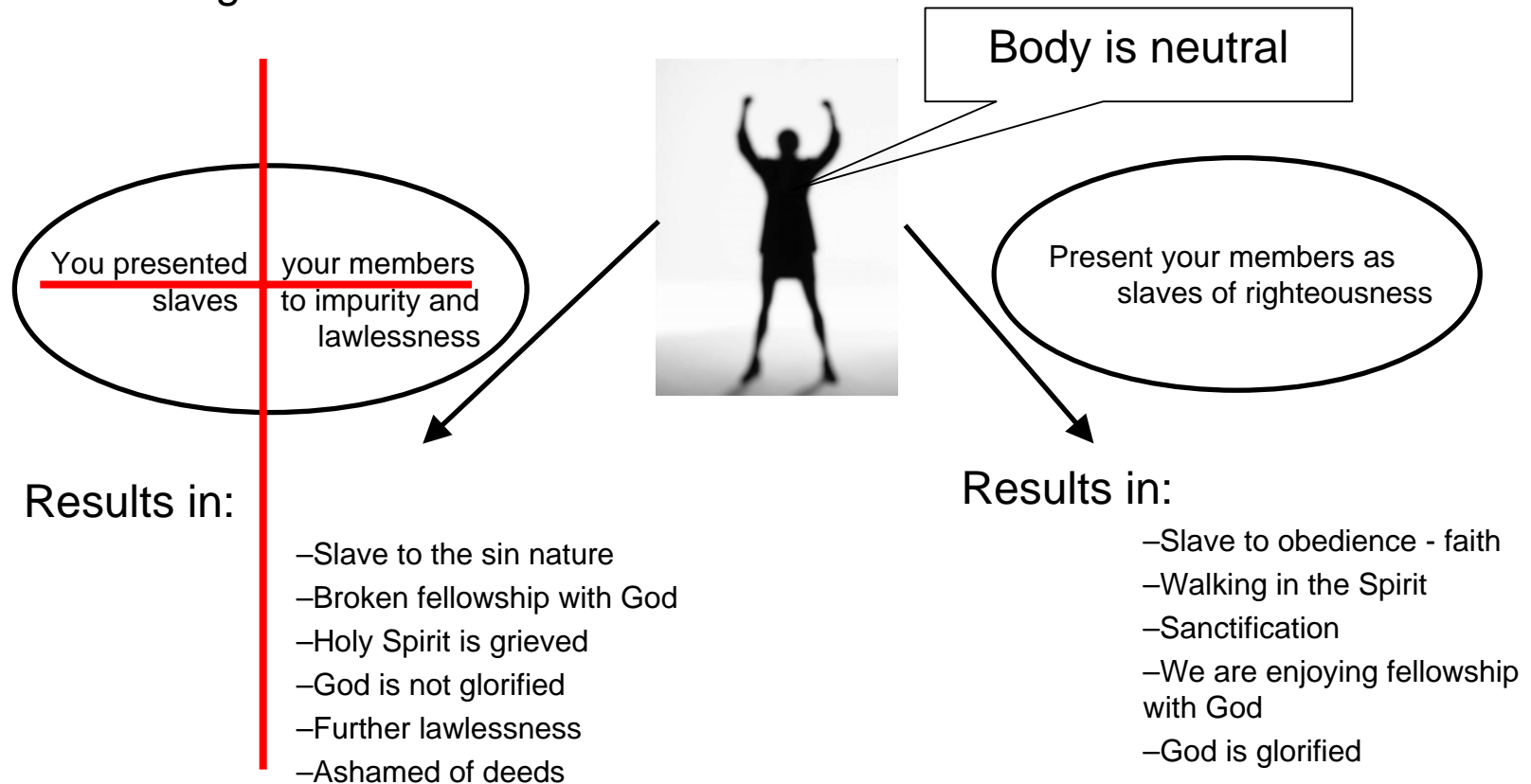




## Romans

### Slaves to Righteousness – Romans 6:20-23

- Review presenting in verse 19
  - The body is neutral
  - We are to present our members or bodies as slaves of righteousness or the life of Christ





## Romans

### Slaves to Righteousness – Romans 6:20-23

- Revisit of verses 17-18
  - Why revisit these verses?
  - Not the similarities of these with 20 & 22

Verse 17-18, But thanks be to God that though **you were slaves of sin** you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed and **having been freed from sin**, you **became slaves of righteousness**

Verse 20 & 22, For when **you were slaves of sin**, you were free in regard to righteousness. But now **having been freed from sin** and **enslaved to God**, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification and the outcome, eternal life



## Romans

### Slaves to Righteousness – Romans 6:20-23

- Questions relating to verses 17-18:
  - Is Paul referring here to pre-salvation or post-salvation?
    - “were slaves of sin” verses 17 & 20 comes across as a continuous/continual action in the past (imperfect tense)
    - Is this referring to the continual action of sin before they were saved?
    - Or is this referring to the continual action of sin because once saved they were struggling with walking in the flesh?
    - Is it possible for a believer to be a slave of sin? John 8:34, and Romans 6:16
  - Who is the context of Romans 6? believers or unbelievers
  - What does “that form of teaching” mean? Gospel or something else – identification truths of Romans 6?
  - If Paul meant the Gospel why did he not use the word Gospel as he did in other parts of Romans?
    - Romans 1:1, 9, 15-16, 2:16, 15:16, 19-20, 16:25

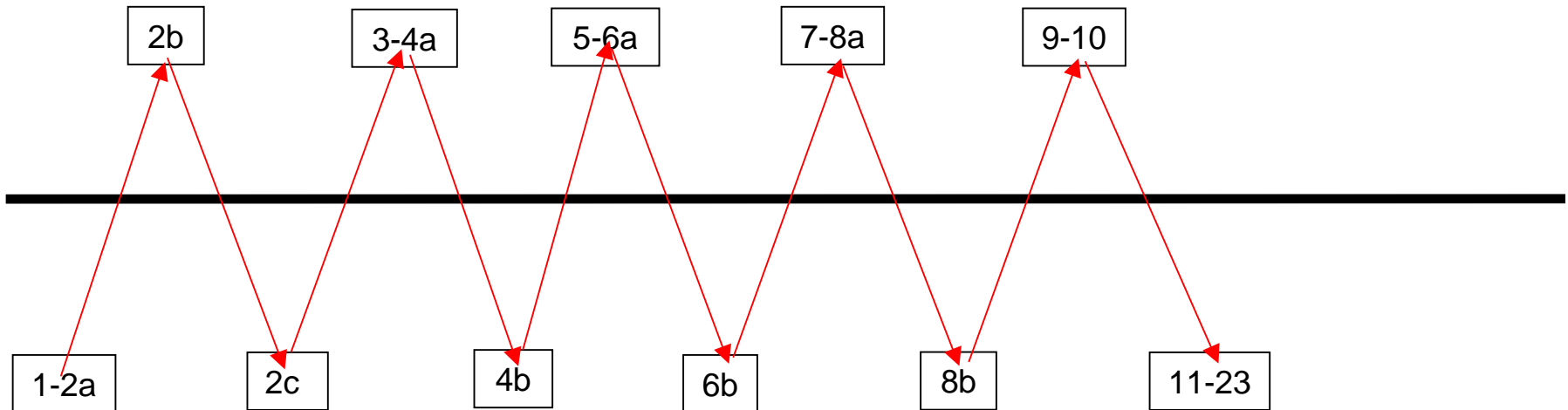


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# Position and Condition in Romans 6

## Position



## Condition

Note: some times a verse can be either positional or conditional – please allow interpretative room for this



## Romans

### Slaves to Righteousness – Romans 6:20-23

- When you were slaves of sin: (also in verse 17)
  - Presented oneself to sin therefore a slave to sin
  - Continual action in the past
- You were free in regard to righteousness
  - Is this talking about Christ's righteousness or our own righteousness?
  - Last week we said that righteousness is only found in Christ and 'slaves of righteousness' was defined as, slaves to the character and life of Christ because as we are walking by faith Christ is living His life in and through us, therefore we are 'slaves to righteousness'
  - So, 'free in regard to righteousness' is free from Christ living His life in and through us, which means that conditionally we are free from and not walking in Christ's righteousness.



## Romans

### Slaves to Righteousness – Romans 6:20-23

- What benefit were you then (when walking as slaves to sin) deriving – KJV reads, what fruit did you have then
  - none in regards to righteousness
  - what was manifest were the deeds of the flesh, Gal. 5:21
- The things of which you are now ashamed
  - Ashamed used 11 times in NT, 5 times ashamed - 6 times not ashamed.
  - Used in Rom. 1:16 “Not ashamed of the Gospel”
  - Here is ‘you are ashamed’, we receive shame because of what we have done (passive voice)
  - When we reflect back to times in the flesh we are usually ashamed of our conduct – being word or deed
  - Now this does not mean guilt but simply ashamed of what we did or said
- The outcome or result of those things is death
  - What kind of death is being talked about here?
    - Separation of fellowship with God
    - The Holy Spirit is grieved



## Romans

### Slaves to Righteousness – Romans 6:20-23

- But now
  - Strong contrast – this was taking place BUT NOW lets have this take place.
- Having been freed from sin (also in verse 18)
  - action done to us in the past by God (passive voice)
- And enslaved to God (also in verse 18)
  - action done to us in the past by God (passive voice)
- You derive your benefit resulting in sanctification – KJV, reads you have your fruit unto holiness
  - Similar idea in verse 19 – ‘present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification’
  - Before there was no benefit in regard to righteousness but now being enslaved to God and walking by faith in that truth there is a benefit – enjoying the very life of Christ
  - This results in sanctification – being set apart to God – set apart from the world, flesh & Satan unto God.
  - The outcome is eternal life
    - For believers when does eternal life begin?
    - John 17:3 – Eternal life begins when we are saved and in that perspective it is getting to know Him and life now with Him



## Romans

### Slaves to Righteousness – Romans 6:20-23

- For the wages of sin is death
  - Slave to sin nature earns death
  - Death means separation – and in this context separation from fellowship with God
- But the free gift of God is eternal life
  - When walking in the Spirit we enjoy eternal life
  - Which began the moment we were saved and we did nothing to earn it
  - And is getting to know Christ and life now with Him
- In Christ Jesus
  - It is all possible through Christ
  - We have been placed into Him