



Keep in mind
throughout
this series:

**Romans is a letter
deliberately written
to persuade me
to change
my behaviour.**

What shall we say, then? **Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?**
² By no means! **We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?** ³ Or don't you know that all **of** us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
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Romans 6:1-7

Romans 6:5-7 and 6:8-10

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⁸ Now **IF** we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. **What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Romans 6:15-18

Romans 6:19-22



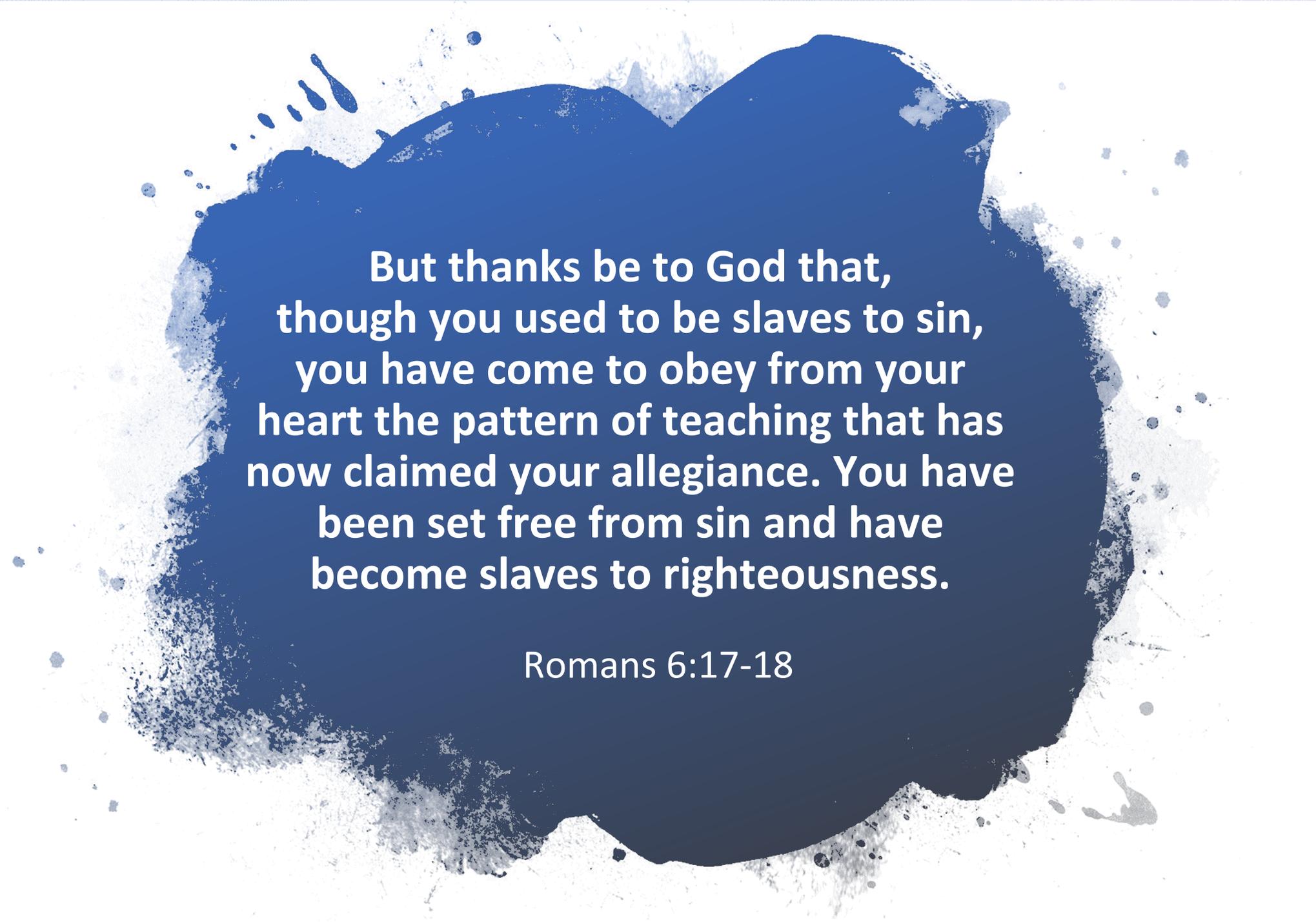
Questions to challenge and change our behaviour

1st set of questions are around our heart's response to the word 'if':

- Did you know that you stepped out of the world of sin and into the Kingdom of God through being united in Jesus death?
- Are there any if's, any doubts, in your mind about that and if there are, who are you going to talk to about that?

2nd set of question are around how to live united with Jesus in his death and therefore live in the Kingdom of God:

- Did you think Jesus joined your life or do you realise that you joined his?
- Are you in the habit of laying down your rights and saying not my will Lord but yours be done.
- Are there parts of your life where you feel you have a right to stuff, the right to be right, the right to your time, the right to your money,
- Do you know that you are a slave to righteousness, a slave to God's purposes?
- What is teaching your heart?



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