Whose Slave are You? Romans 6:15-23 ESV

Things people are enslaved to:

- 1. Some are slaves to their work.
- 2. Some are slaves to things, possessions and temporal stuff.
- 3. Some are slaves to pleasing others.
- 4. Some are slaves to the <u>god of self</u>. (Narcissists)

Paul's basic answer to the two questions: "By no means!" (Ro 6:2a, 15b)

Paul's explanation to the second question: (2 parts)

- 1. The daily choice between <u>two kingdoms</u>. (v. 16-18)

 There are two kingdoms in this world; <u>the kingdom of sin and the kingdom of God.</u>
- 2. Paul's <u>explanation</u> as to why <u>the Kingdom of God</u> is <u>always</u> the <u>right choice</u>.

 (v. 19-23)

"For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness." (v.19b)

"Your members" has to do with parts of your body.

Question: What does sin pay?

- 1. <u>Slavery</u> (v. 19, 20)
- 2. Shame (v. 21)
- 3. <u>Death</u> (v. 23a)

Question: What does God pay? (v. 19-23)

- 1. Righteousness (v. 19)
- 2. Sanctification (v. 19)
- 3. Eternal life (v. 23)