

ROMANS

an invitation to the story that changes everything

FREE AT LAST; BOUND AT LAST

Romans 6:16–23 | April 19, 2026 | Pastor Dave Anderson

SERMON SUMMARY

In this message, Pastor Dave explains how baptism marks the beginning of a new life in which we are no longer owned by sin but belong to God, living in the paradox of being “free at last, yet bound at last.” Drawing from Romans 6:16–23, Pastor Dave emphasizes that everyone serves something and that true freedom is not doing whatever we want but centering our life around Jesus and His way of living, thinking, speaking, and posting. Although sin promises freedom, it always leads to shame, brokenness, and death, while obedience to God leads to holiness and eternal life. Through Jesus, we experience an inner transformation that shifts our desires and allegiance from sin to righteousness. Ultimately, Paul calls us to reject our old life, embrace a new Master, and live daily in the fullness of life that Jesus offers.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 What stood out to you most about the idea that “everyone serves something”? How does that challenge the way you think about freedom?
- 2 In what ways have you seen sin promise freedom but lead to negative consequences in your own life or others’?
- 3 How would you explain the paradox of being “free at last, yet bound at last” to someone new to faith?
- 4 What does it practically look like to live as a “slave of righteousness” in your daily habits, thoughts, and decisions?
- 5 Why do you think we are sometimes tempted to romanticize our old life apart from Christ, and how can we combat that?
- 6 After baptism or spiritual commitment, what intentional steps can help someone continue growing in their new identity in Christ?