Powerful Freedom

Romans 6:16-22

4th of July Message, 2017

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A. We used to be characterized by

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2. Lawlessness or sinfulness - external

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C. Righteousness leads to progress in sanctification

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3. It was life leading to death

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A. Free from the bondage of sin

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