

SLAVES OF GOD

Romans 6:15-23

Moving from slavery to sin to slavery to Christ

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LET'S GET STARTED

Last Sunday we saw that Jesus has freed believers from captivity to sin and its consequences. However, when we walked out of the prison-house of sin, we stepped immediately into another kind of slavery. God is now our Owner, and He has the right to tell us what to do. In this message, we will explore our new identity in Christ: slaves to God.

A dangerous notion about saving faith

Steve Lawson—There is a dangerous teaching today called the 'non-Lordship position' that believes . . . you can believe in Jesus as Savior, yet not submit to Him as Lord. Their thinking is that when you are converted to Jesus Christ, you can still live however you want without having to obey Him. Then, at some point down the road, perhaps five or ten years later, you might get to a point of dedicating your life to Christ. That is when you get serious about God and decide to recognize Jesus as Lord of your life. At last, you finally submit your life to Him and only then become His slave. It is as if this is . . . a second level of commitment to Jesus Christ.

This represents the teaching of the _____ Movement.

The 'non-Lordship' teachers believe you can be freed from your slavery to sin when you become a Christian, yet not at the same time become a slave of Jesus Christ.

They teach that salvation can come without _____.

They teach that salvation can come without submission to Christ's _____.

Quotable

There is never a moment in anyone's life in which we are not a slave. There is not an interval of time between these two slaveries in which we are in neutral territory, not a slave to any master. When we were converted, the door of the prison house of sin was opened, our chains were unlocked, and we were ushered out of our former bondage to sin. Immediately, we were brought into a new slavery to righteousness.

—Steve Lawson

True Christianity is not about adding Jesus to my life. Instead, it is about devoting myself completely to Him—submitting wholly to His will and seeking to please Him above all else.

—John MacArthur

If you would like to know more

Slave: The Hidden Truth About Your Identity in Christ, by John MacArthur (Thomas Nelson, 2010)

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Let's Hear the Word (Romans 6:15-23)

_____ from sin isn't a _____ to sin (vv. 15-16).

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? . . .

The Slaves We _____ (vv. 20-21)

²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

The Slaves We _____ (vv. 17-19; 22-23)

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. ¹⁹ I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by submitting to God in everything we do, as His slaves, at the same time we are enjoying the freedom from sin and evil Christ has provided to us.

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