

Slaves to Christ

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 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? But thanks be to God, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obey the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Romans 6:15–18

Another word for “set free” is “emancipate”. It comes from the Latin word “emancipare” which means to declare someone free, to give up one’s authority over someone, to liberate a slave from bondage. I can’t think of a better word to help us capture what Paul wanted to get across. Christ has set us free. Freedom is always from something. What is that something? We are free from the enslavement of sin; however, we are not free from doing God’s will. Our freedom has been purchased; we now belong to Christ. The reality of our situation is this: We are either going to be a slave to sin or to God, there is no third option.

Because Christ shed His blood to set us free from sin’s dominion, we now can yield ourselves wholeheartedly in obedience to Christ. We are now free to give thanks to God who is leading us through Christ. No matter where we find ourselves in the service of Christ, we can rest assured there is always victory. So much so that we become the fragrance of Christ. No matter where we go, people should know Jesus better; the beauty of Christ’s character becomes more apparent, as people notice the subtle difference of the believer’s life. As I think of this, I can’t help but think about how although some people when they through hard and difficult times have the peace of Christ.

Because we’ve been emancipated from sin and are now able to stand in right relationship with God, we are now to live in the obedience which God desires. I like how Paul put it when he said “Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don’t submit to the bondage of slavery again.”

Remember: We have been set free from the bondage of sin, but we often put the chains back on because part of us loves the old life. What is one thing you can do today to help you live in line with the freedom found in Christ? Ask God to lead you through His Spirit as you go through your day. Ask Him to bring to mind the truth of the gospel and its implications for what you will encounter today.

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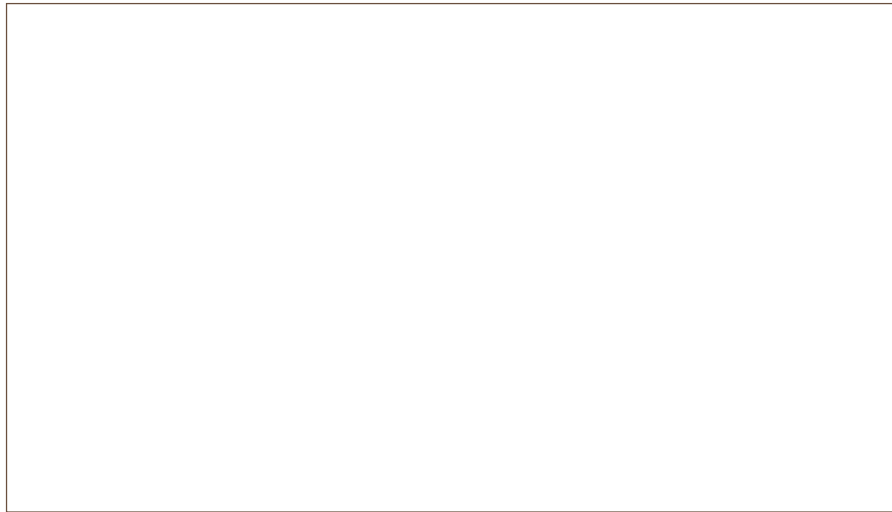
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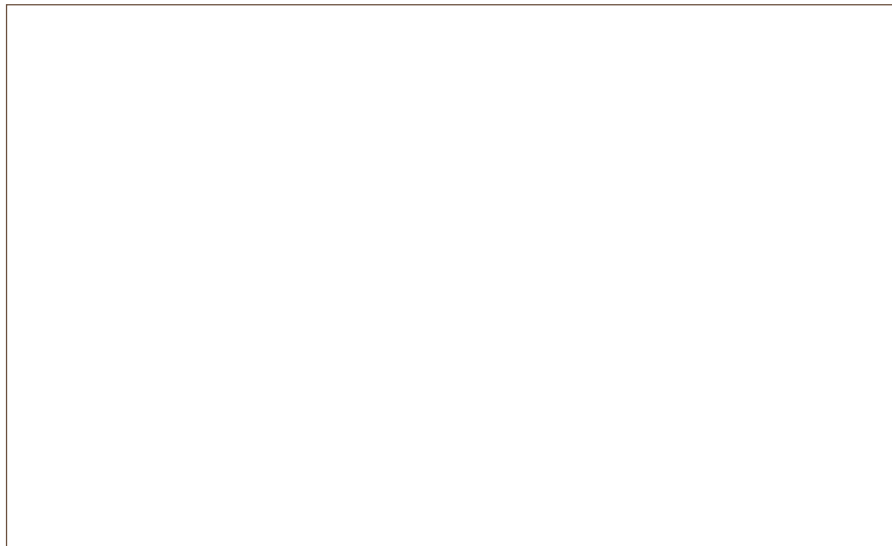
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Message Notes

How will you put what you've learned into practice in your marriage this week?



Our Prayers



Memory Verse

"But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness."

Romans 6:17-18

Notes

