

Sunday, October 15, 2023 Adult Bible Study: "Released"

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- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: Is there "slavery" today? How? Where?

Q: Do you think that maybe the reason why so many come to America is because of some form of slavery? Discuss....

Q: Have we ever experienced slavery in America? Discuss....

### **Table Time....**

**READ: Romans 6:1-4** "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

Q: According to verse 1, what was the argument that Paul is refuting?

Q: According to verse 2, why is that argument NOT possible?

Q: According to verses 3-4, why is baptism important? What does baptism DO?

**READ: Romans 6:5-11** "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

Q: According to verse 5, what happens in baptism?

Q: According to verse 6-10 what's the result of Jesus' work FOR us that is given TO us in baptism?

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Q: According to verse 11, what is the impact of baptism to be on our thinking?

**READ: Romans 6:12-14** "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Q: So being set free from sin, what are we NOT to do? Why?

### ***Big Group Debrief....***

**READ: Romans 6:15-18** "What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> 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, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness"

Q: What is the spiritual reality articulated in verse 16?

Q: Can we return to "slavery"?

Q: Can you think of any examples we see in the world around us?

Q: According to verses 17-18, what's the result of faith in Jesus' work for us?

Q: According to verse 18, we're still "slaves"! What are we "slaves" too?

Q: What are the implications of this in our life?

Q: How might we work for the "freedom" of others?

Q: How does this connect with the mission of the church and the "Great Commission"?