

*Rms#090*

**“Abolish Slavery with one Exception”**

*Romans 6:17-19; John 8:30-36*

*“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you[d] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” Colossians 2:13-15*

**Paul says we’ve been set free to become slaves for sanctification.**

Now, having been sanctified by God, you still have a Master but this One doesn’t want your devastation, only your deliverance.

*Paul’s argument is the way we recognize that our sin nature is no longer in control is because our old self has been crucified with Christ and that broke its power.*

We have true freedom from the sin nature, which no one had in the OT because they didn’t have this baptism by the Holy Spirit, which breaks the power of the sin nature. If we are married to Jesus Christ and divorced from the sin nature, that immediately becomes the basis for everything we do in life.

**Our context is emphasizing the fact that after salvation, God provided a system of biblical truth as the only way of spiritual advance to maturity and the only way to glorify Jesus Christ.**

Since learning the Word is the greatest thing we do in life, we should demonstrate a positive attitude toward God’s plan by daily processing truth.

*Obedience comes from biblical truth in the heart rather than emotional stimulation by persuasiveness.*

Rejection of truth and ignorance of truth are the most serious offences against our Lord.

**Every blessing we have comes because we have God’s righteousness, not because of our own righteousness.**

The person moving toward maturity is dedicated to what he received at the salvation marriage ceremony; the imputation of divine righteousness.

*You have received righteousness at salvation but only a system of truth will exploit the fact that you have a grace pipeline directly from the justice of God to divine righteousness in you.*

Slavery to the righteousness of God is the mature status of maximum blessing from God and maximum glorification of God in history.

**Slavery is not being taught in this passage, slavery is being used as an illustration.**

The solution to slavery was not through political change, so Paul did not call for abolition of slavery.

*The believer’s weakness is the sin nature and while its power as ruler of human life has been broken through the baptism by the Holy Spirit and retroactive positional truth, experientially, the sin nature continues to be the weakness of the believer in time.*

**This slavery fulfils the concept: If God doesn’t promote you, you are not promoted; if God doesn’t bless you, you are not blessed; if God doesn’t provide it, you have nothing**

**even though you have everything.**

**Lawlessness resulting in lawlessness is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

***Slavery describes the life of the believer who is squared away.***

**On the giving end of grace is justice, and justice cannot give to any type of imperfection; therefore, imputation of the righteousness of God is the key.**