

I. Introduction.

- A. God has given us everything we need to live for him.**
- B. The Bible tells us how to live for God; the Holy Spirit gives us the power to live for God.**
- C. It's all about choice – we must choose to use the Spirit and the Word and live for God.**
- D. As followers of Jesus we “should no longer be slaves to sin” (Rom. 6:6); our Lord wants us to slaves to him.**
- E. All of life is a matter of freedom and bondage; if you choose a certain freedom you get a corresponding bondage.**
- F. If you and I want to be free to live life to the fullest, we must become slaves to God (see John 8:31,32).**

II. Living the Enslaved Life.

- A. Sin will continue to rear its ugly head now and then (see 1 John 1:8), but we must not let sin reign (v.12).**
- B. Sin manifests itself through different body parts; we can use our body parts for good or for evil (v.13).**
- C. People are either under law or under grace (v.14).**
 - 1. Those under law are under a curse (Gal. 3:10); they are in bondage to sin, judged according to the law, and stand condemned (John 3:16-18).**
 - 2. Those under grace have accepted Christ and are declared righteous by God (Rom. 5:11); Jesus is their Master and they love and serve him.**
- D. Those under grace understand the nature and affect of sin, take sin seriously, and do their best not to sin (v.15).**
- E. Every human being is loyal to someone or something; who or what is your master? (v.16).**
- F. Following Jesus is all about obedience – wholeheartedly obeying Christ's teaching (v.17).**
- G. We are called to be slaves to Jesus; we become a slave by choice; if we get in the habit of doing things Christ's way our lives will be holy (v.18,19).**
- H. Sin can and does result in momentary pleasure, but it always results in undesirable consequences (v.20,21).**
- I. God explains what he wants for and from us and promises that if we obey him we will have a full life here on Earth and live in his presence throughout eternity; all we have to do is make a decision to become slaves to him (v.22,23).**