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doulos = 'slave'

doulow = 'enslave'

Psa 78:70 – David is called God’s ‘slave.’

Rom 1:1 – Paul is a *bond-servant of Christ Jesus* (‘doulos’)

Phil 2:7 - *Christ emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant* (‘doulos’)

Eph 6:6 – Believers are *slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.*

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1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

Titus 2:11–12 - 11 For the grace of God has appeared...12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age...

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Rom 8:3–4 - 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Rom 13:8, 10 - 8 ... he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law...10...love is the fulfillment of the law.

Gal 5:14 - For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

Gal 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens, and...fulfill the law of Christ.

1 Cor 9:20–21 - 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law.

I. THE FUNDAMENTAL NATURE OF SLAVERY

16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

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A. *SLAVERY TO SIN*

16...either of sin resulting in death...

Gen 2:17 - ...when you eat of it you will surely die.

John 8:34 - ...Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

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B. *SLAVERY TO CHRIST*

16...or of obedience resulting in righteousness

SCHREINER – *Even though believers are no longer under the commands of the Mosaic Law, they are not free to pursue a life of sin....Asserting that believers aren't under Law does not mean that they are free from doing the will of God....To say that believers are under grace means that they now have the power to keep the law of Christ.*

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***Matt 6:24** - No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*