

FREE TO BE SLAVES

Pt 2

Romans 6:17-18

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? 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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1 Cor 15:57 - but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 2:14 - But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

2 Cor 9:15 - Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

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Rom 1:5 - through (Christ) we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake...

Rom 10:16 - ... they did not all heed the good news...

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James 2:14, 17–20 - 14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ... 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. 18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

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Rom 1:28 - And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

1 Cor 5:5 - I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Tim 1:20 - Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.

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True SAVING FAITH essentially has 3 elements to it:

1. An *INTELLECTUAL* element – there is **objective data** that must be believed.
2. An *EMOTIONAL* element – belief must be **from the heart**, our affections going out toward it.
3. A *VOLITIONAL* element – I.e... commitment – we must **choose** to give ourselves to Jesus in personal discipleship.

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MOO... Christian obedience is thus – *The outgrowth of God's action in handing us over to that teaching when we were converted.*

SCHREINER – *God must be the one who causes obedience to rise in human hearts because all human beings are slaves of sin.*

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18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Matt 7 – by their fruit you will know them.

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Gal 5:18, 22–23, 25 - 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. ... 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ... 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

John 8:31-36 – *31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ... 34 ... “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.... 36 “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed...*

James 1:22 - But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

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Psa 103:2–4 - 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; 3 Who pardons all your iniquities, ... 4 Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;

Psa 103:13 - ...the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

Psa 145:8 - The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

Lam 3:22–23 - 22 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Rom 2:4 - ... (don't) think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience... knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance...

Rom 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Cor 1:3–4 - 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction...

Eph 2:7 - ... the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Heb 4:16 - Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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