

**Reaching New Heights in our Ability to Grow  
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Great News—You Really Can Change Because You've Been Set Free**

Romans 6:11 – *Consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Three principles to help you celebrate and act on your union with Christ.

**I. Remember that Everybody is a Slave to Something.**

A. It comes down to what you present yourself to.

1. cf. Matthew 26:53 – *Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?*
2. cf. Romans 12:2 – *“...present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”*
3. in your inner man.
4. in your outer man.

B. Those choices become enslaving.

C. These choices have consequences.

1. Sin – resulting in death.
2. Obedience – resulting in righteousness.

## **II. Understand that Followers of Christ went from being Enslaved to Something that was Bad to being Enslaved to Something that was Good.**

*Galatians 5:13 – For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

A. This transaction occurs at a point in time.

*17 – ...you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed.*

B. The result of this transaction was doubly delicious.

1. You are freed from sin.

2. You are enslaved to righteousness.

## **III. Determine that You Will Bring Your Practice in Line with Your Position, Believing There are Tremendous Benefits in Doing So.**

A. Learn to present yourself as a “slave to righteousness”.

B. Because in part, of what doing so avoids.

1. shame

2. death

C. Because in part, of what doing so gains.

1. sanctification

2. life