



“Slaves and Masters”

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Ephesians 6:5-9

I. Making Sense of Slavery in the Bible

1. “Slavery” _____ in different times and cultures.
2. The Old Testament _____ and _____ ancient slavery in Israel (Exod 21:2-14; Lev 25:39-46; Deut 24:18-20).
3. The New Testament _____ believers who were living _____ slavery (2 Cor 7:21; Col 3:22-4:1; Philemon).
4. The Bible _____ the _____ of slavery in all times and cultures.

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

II. Following Jesus in a Society of Slavery (Eph 6:5-9)

- Slaves are commanded to _____ their masters with _____ and _____ (Eph 6:5-8).
- Masters are commanded to _____ their slaves with _____ and _____ (Eph 6:9; Col 4:1).

III. Three Doctrines which Transform _____ and _____

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- _____
- _____

Philemon 15-17 (NIV)

Perhaps the reason [Onesimus] was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— ¹⁶no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

Big Idea – The gospel radically _____ our work and relationships by reminding us of our _____ and _____ to each other before Christ the Lord.