

We Are Not Slaves

**Romans 6: 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, ^a that we should no longer be slaves to sin—
7because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. 8Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.**

The World The Flesh And The Devil have enslaved many

WE ARE NOT SLAVES!

Salvation through Jesus Christ is more than buying a slave and setting him free, it is adopting that former slave and giving him the full privilege of his new family and doing away with his past.

Week 1 We are Not Slaves to sin

Week 2 We are Not Slaves to poverty

The fall of man brought man into the slavery and control of satan in every dimension.

Our Spirit became dead to God and alive to sin

Our Soul's became corrupt and desperately wicked

Our Body's became slaves to sin, sickness and poverty

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." ^h 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

The Fall of Man The sin was not the desire for knowledge, but the act of disobeying God and lusting after total knowledge, the dream of total control and domination.

✚ The Curse came because of the fall (The Sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden)

✚ The Curse came because of the Law

Man could not keep all the law therefore he could not be blessed or remain healthy.

(1) The Chains of doubt.

Matthew 11: 2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else? 4Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy ^b are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

Jesus proclaimed that John the Baptist was the greatest prophet ever, yet he doubted

Doubt is not the absence of faith;

Doubt is the questioning of faith.

You can only doubt what you already believe.

Doubt is questioning what you believe.

Unbelief is a determined refusal to believe.

Doubt is a struggle faced by the believer.

Unbelief is a condition of the unbeliever.

Unbelief involves spiritual blindness and a determined resistance to God

Faith Is a work of Grace

Ephesians 2: 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

We receive this free gift when we receive His Word

I'm a believer and not a doubter

I'm a doer and not just a shouter

You qualify for a miracle because it is by grace.

Faith Steps out

(2) The Spirit of Infirmity

Luke 13: 10 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, 11and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” 13Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Sabbath = The Day Of Rest

You are set free when you rest in His Finished work

You can't work up faith you rest in faith

Spirit = A demon

We are not told how it came but we are told how it left

Infirmity = A spirit of infirmity tries to always keep you sick.

It makes you

Frail

Sickly

Weak

Susceptible to infection

Hypochondriac

John 5: 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. **3**In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. **4**For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. **5**And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. **6**When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? **7**The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. **8**Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. **9**And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

Infirmity = feebleness of health

I have no man = **Jesus takes away your lake**
 Jesus takes away your excuse
 Jesus takes away your disease

It was always going to be someone else

Today is your day

Healing is just as much a work of GRACE as forgiveness

Isaiah 57:18 I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, **19**creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the Lord. "And I will heal them."

Matthew 8: 14 When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. **15**He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. **16**When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. **17**This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases." ^b

Revelation 12:11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony;

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