

“Grace & Peace to You”

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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ROMANS LESSON 41 PART 1: “TRUTH PRESENTED IN ANALOGY”

ROMANS 6:17-23 *What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!*

¹⁶ *Do you not know that if you **present** yourselves to anyone **as obedient slaves**, you are slaves of the one whom you **obey**, either of sin, which leads to death, or of **obedience**, which leads to righteousness?*

¹⁷ *But thanks be to God, that you who **were once slaves** of sin **have become obedient** from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, **having been set free from sin**, **have become slaves** of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once **presented** your members **as slaves to impurity** and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now **present** your members **as slaves to righteousness** leading to sanctification.*

²⁰ *For when **you were slaves of sin**, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.*

²² *But now that **you have been set free from sin** and **have become slaves of God**, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

“THE SLAVE ANALOGY”

Paul continues through Chapter 6 with the “Slave” analogy. This affords him with the best way to relate the issue of Justification to Sanctification. Justification was ALL on God’s side. Sanctification demands our participation WITH God to live a life that demonstrates our INWARD Holiness by an OUTWARD display. BUT... there it is. So, how do we grasp the concept that Paul was conveying when he used this term?

➤ **Have BECOME Slaves...**

Vs 18) *and, **having been set free from sin**, **have become slaves** of righteousness.*

➤ [AorPassInd] **IF** you have become “**obedient**” – vs 16 (2xs) / vs 17 (1x).

- The emphasis on “obedience” indicates that is NOT automatic or co-incidental.
- **Hupakouo** – you are “under the influence of the Voice of another...”

➤ You **WILL** become “slaves of righteousness...”

HERE we come to a great distinction regarding the word “**Doulos...**”

FIRST consider “**REDEMPTION**” –

- 3 Categories of Words: ALL “**To Purchase**” – **Redeem / Release / to Possess for your own...**
- **Agorazo** – to BUY in the market... – purchase / redeem a thing from the former owner

MATT 13:44 *“The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and **buys** that field.*

- The **Price** is set by the “**Buyer**” – “**ALL** that He had...”
- Jesus’ Blood – “Not with silver and gold but with the precious Blood of Christ...” [1 PET 1:18]

- **Agorazo...Time** – In reference to a “person” the word related to the “**purchase of a slave...**”
1 COR 6:20 “...for you **were bought with a price**. So, glorify God in your body.”
1 COR 7:20 “...You **were bought with a price**; do not become bondservants of men.”
- **Exagorazo** – To purchase “OUT-From” - “**sent away NEVER to be made a slave again...**”
GAL 3:13 “... Christ **has redeemed** us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...”
GAL 4:4-5 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under THE LAW, ⁵ **to redeem** those who were under THE LAW, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
 - We have Not only been “**purchased by God**” But we have been “**sent away...SET-FREE!**”
 - Sin can NO LONGER claim “**power OVER us**” for we **have been sent away IN FREEDOM** from THE LAW which declared us guilty...

ROMANS LESSON 41 PART 2: “TRUTH PRESENTED IN ANALOGY”

- **Lutroo** – To be “**released from Captivity**” – Prisoners of war... People held for Ransom...
 - From the root: “**Luq**” – to dissolve / destroy / “free” from bonds...
 - “**To Be Held in bondage**” UNTIL the price is paid... **Normally: “1 life for 1 life...”**
1 TIM 2:5-6 “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all...” **1 LIFE for ALL**
- **Peripoieo** – “To buy as one’s own personal possession... purchase TO yourself... Extravagance.”
 - We have ALSO been “**Purchased for His Own Pleasure...**”
 - Considered “**Extravagant... wasteful spending...**” (in the eyes of others)
ACTS 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the Church of God, which He **[purchased] with His own blood**.
- BUT “**having been set free... we HAVE BECOME slaves...**”
 - **Having been...** – **AorPassPart** -
 - **Have become...** – **AorPassInd** -

NOW PAUL MAKES THE APPLICATION:

ROM 6:19a I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations.

“We are not REALLY ‘slaves’ but I had to use this because of the limits of our Words and Understanding.”

19b) For **just as** you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness,

Unable to “free yourself” you had no choice... BUT the results still brought death...

19c) **SO NOW** present your **members** as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

- **Present** – “give over to – release INTO someone else’s control...”
- YOU **make** the choice... YOU **take** the initiative... YOU **offer** without reservation...

- Members... – the natural aspects of the person: Physical Body / Soul (Mind / Will / Emotions)
- AorActImp – **DO THIS NOW!**

THERE WILL BE FRUIT

ROM 6:20-22 For when **you were** slaves of sin, **you were** free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

²² But now that **you have been set free** from sin and **have become slaves** of God, the fruit you get leads to **sanctification** and its end, **Eternal Life**.

Have been set free... – God DID This FOR YOU...

Having become “obedient” you “have become...”

Fruit leads to Sanctification... – a demonstrated separation -

Its “end-goal” is the “EXPRESSION of the LIFE ETERNAL that is YOURS!”

HERE IS THE REALITY...

ROM 6:23 For the **wages** of sin is death, but the **free gift** of God is **Eternal Life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Wages... – that which is EARNED – what is due for what has been done...

Free Gift... – UN-EARNED – freely bestowed because of the GIVER’S Initiative...

THE ANALOGY OF MARRIAGE...

ROM 7:1-3 Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?

- Paul returns the subject to the issue of **THE LAW vs GRACE...** –
- The Jews of course would understand... Gentiles were by now familiar with the issues...
- It WAS the Law that pointed-out our “sin”
- In THAT way it **appears** to be the problem... *(more on this in coming verses).*
- BUT here is an analogy both Jew and Gentile will understand...

² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage. ³

- Even a “Pagan Culture” would understand this...
- **NOTICE:** it is the **“husband that dies”** – NOT the woman –
 - **Husband** – type of the **“Old Self”**... in bondage to the power of sin...
 - **Woman** – a type of the person
 - The **“Old Self”** held POWER over our person...

Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress.

- NOW that the “Old Self” has died...
- The Believer is FREE to marry another... JESUS CHRIST
- In CHP 5: Two Heads – Adam & CHRIST
- In CHP 6: Two Masters – Sin & CHRIST
- In CHP 7: Two Husbands – The Old Self & THE RISEN CHRIST

THE TRUTH OF NEW LIFE...

ROM 7:4-6 *Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.*

⁵ *For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.* ⁶ *But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*