THE SLAVES OF SIN

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Topic:

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Bible Text: John 8:31–36

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your love and power. We thank You for Your greatness. Lord Jesus, as we go into Your Word now, teach us Yourself and give us better understanding. This we ask through Christ our Lord Jesus, Amen.

Introduction

You are all welcome once again in Jesus Christ's name. Today's study might be a bit short, but it concerns us in the Body of Christ today, considering what is currently happening.

Bible Text

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."
John 8:31–36 (KJV)

Study

There are several forms of slavery, and slavery has levels. But there is a form of slavery that is the deadliest of them all—this is the slavery of sin. We all know what slavery is, but for clearer understanding: a slave is one that is completely subservient,

dominated, or controlled by a person or influence; a person held in servitude as the possession of another. There are many who are slaves under other humans; some are slaves under Satan and demons. By virtue of connection, those who are slaves under Satan are also, most times, slaves under sin. The Lord, during His earthly ministry, spoke about sin on several occasions, and here we see another conversation between Him and the Jews as He spoke openly concerning sin. He started by speaking to those who believed in Him, saying that if they continue in His Word, they are His disciples indeed. This statement is conditional, meaning if they do not continue—that is, abide—in His Word, they are not His disciples.

There was something the Lord saw that made Him say that statement. He knew it is easy to believe but not easy to abide. The problem many have today is not actually believing in Jesus Christ, but abiding. In fact, many go to church today because they believe in Jesus Christ—but how many are able to abide in Him? If believing in Jesus Christ were very difficult, demons would not be able to believe that there is one God—but they do.

"You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!" **James 2:19 (NKJV)** If believing were enough to be Jesus Christ's disciples, then demons too should be counted among His disciples. The Lord clarifies something important: it is continuing in His Word that qualifies one as His disciple. Today, we have many who believe in Jesus—but how many true disciples do we have? There are many ministers and workers in the Body of Christ who believe, yet are not disciples. Many think believing is all they need and have cast aside the Word of God which they are meant to abide in. The problem the Body of Christ has today is not finding those who profess to know the Lord, but finding those whom the Lord knows as His disciples. Jesus says, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." When He speaks of knowing, it implies

being deeply acquainted with the truth that concerns salvation. And who is the Truth? Jesus Christ Himself. "And you will know the truth [regarding salvation], and the truth will set you free [from the penalty of sin]." **John 8:32 (AMP)** By knowing what salvation truly is, we are set free. Jesus is the Word of God, and the more we abide in Him, the more we experience true freedom. For anyone to claim freedom, it means such a person was once held captive. That brings us to our topic: the slaves of sin. Today, many who believe in Jesus Christ are still held under the captivity of sin, which makes it difficult to number them among the true disciples of Christ. The Jews told Jesus that they were Abraham's seed and had never been in bondage. They did not understand their spiritual slavery because they could not see beyond their physical heritage.

Just like those men, many today are under serious bondage without realizing it. Many are right inside the church, living as happy slaves, and no one has confronted them with reality the way Jesus confronted those Jews. The Lord made it clearer: "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin." **John 8:34 (NKJV)** From the word "whoever," we see that no one is excluded. It can be a pastor, prophet, bishop, doctor, lawyer, banker, herbalist, old or young, male or female—whoever. No matter the title or position, if such a person commits sin, such a person is a slave of sin. Committing sin is different from falling into sin. Committing sin implies making a practice of sinning. When sin becomes part and parcel of a person, then that person is a slave of sin because sin is controlling them.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"
Romans 6:16 (KJV) The tragic thing is that sin leads to death. Forming a habit of sinning is proof that one is under bondage. If

Jesus addressed this matter in His time, then the situation is even worse today. Many are humble slaves under sin. Sin has captured many youths to the point that the Word of God no longer has meaning to them. There are married people living in secret sins cleverly hidden from their spouses, which have deepened their bondage and tightened their yokes. Many have been drawn into immorality and are crashing deeper under the captivity of sin.

How to know if you are a slave of sin

1. When you are not genuinely saved.
2. When you now find it very easy to sin.
3. When sinning no longer pricks your heart.
4. When messages that speak about sin no longer move or change you.
5. When you are comfortable with those who love sinning.
6. When you have given up on overcoming sin.
7. When you believe no one can be holy or free from sin.
8. When you support and approve those living in sin.
9. Hating to hear the truth that can transform you.
10. Hating the preachers of truth because their message does not suit your fleshly desires.

If you find any of the above in your life, you are yet to experience true freedom in Christ. You cannot continue in sin that grace should abound. Some have multiple sexual partners. Some sleep with their fiancé or fiancée for years without repentance. Some cohabit with the opposite gender. Some have been doing drugs without remorse. Others are into betting, fraudulent activities, and worldly indulgences without seeing anything wrong in them. When anyone refuses to abide in the Word of God, such remains a slave to sin. Jesus Christ can set a person free, yet that person can choose to return to slavery. These are slaves who love their chains. Slaves of sin cannot inherit the kingdom of God—only

children can. Occupying big positions is not proof of freedom from sin. Living in seduction and rebellion against God's laws is a sign of slavery to sin. Being a minister is not proof of being a true disciple. We must examine who we are in the open and in secret. Judas believed in Jesus but did not continue in His Word, which led to his premature end. Many need freedom today. "And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."
John 8:35–36 (NKJV) Jesus can make you overcome, no matter how hard it may seem—if you allow Him.

How to be free from the bondage of sin

1. Recognize that you are under slavery and identify how.
2. Open your heart genuinely and come to Jesus Christ, accepting Him deeply.
3. Determine to do His will no matter how hard it seems.
4. Search and meditate on the Word of God consistently.
5. Apply every truth you learn daily.
6. Look unto Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of your faith.
7. Pray and fast always.

If you do these, you will see that you will no longer be a slave of sin.

This is the end of the teaching. Good night.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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