

Once a person receives Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they belong to God. This person was born a sinner, separated from God because of sin, and Jesus Christ poured out His blood on the Cross to pay the penalty for sin which is death. Christ has purchased a Christian and He is master of this person's life as Creator and Lord. With Jesus Christ, we now have power to say no to sin and be obedient to Christ. There is no middle ground, we are either a slave to sin or a slave to Christ.

- Gal 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.
- Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.
- Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
- Rom 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?
- Rom 6:18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
- Jude 1:1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:
- 1 Peter 2:9-10 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.
- 1 Peter 2:16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.
- Eph 6:6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,
- 1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Discussion Item 1:** *Describe the Master that you were freed from when you became a believer?*

**Discussion Item 2:** *Describe the Master that you now serve as a believer in Jesus Christ?*

**Life Application:** *Choose Jesus Christ as your Master each day out of love for Him. You serve a God who loves you and desires good things for you.*

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**Helpful Definition:**

Slave - One bound in servitude as the property of a person or household. (Webster).

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**Notes:**

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**Proverb 27:18** Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its fruit; So he who waits on his master will be honored.

**Psalms 119:91** They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all *are* Your servants.