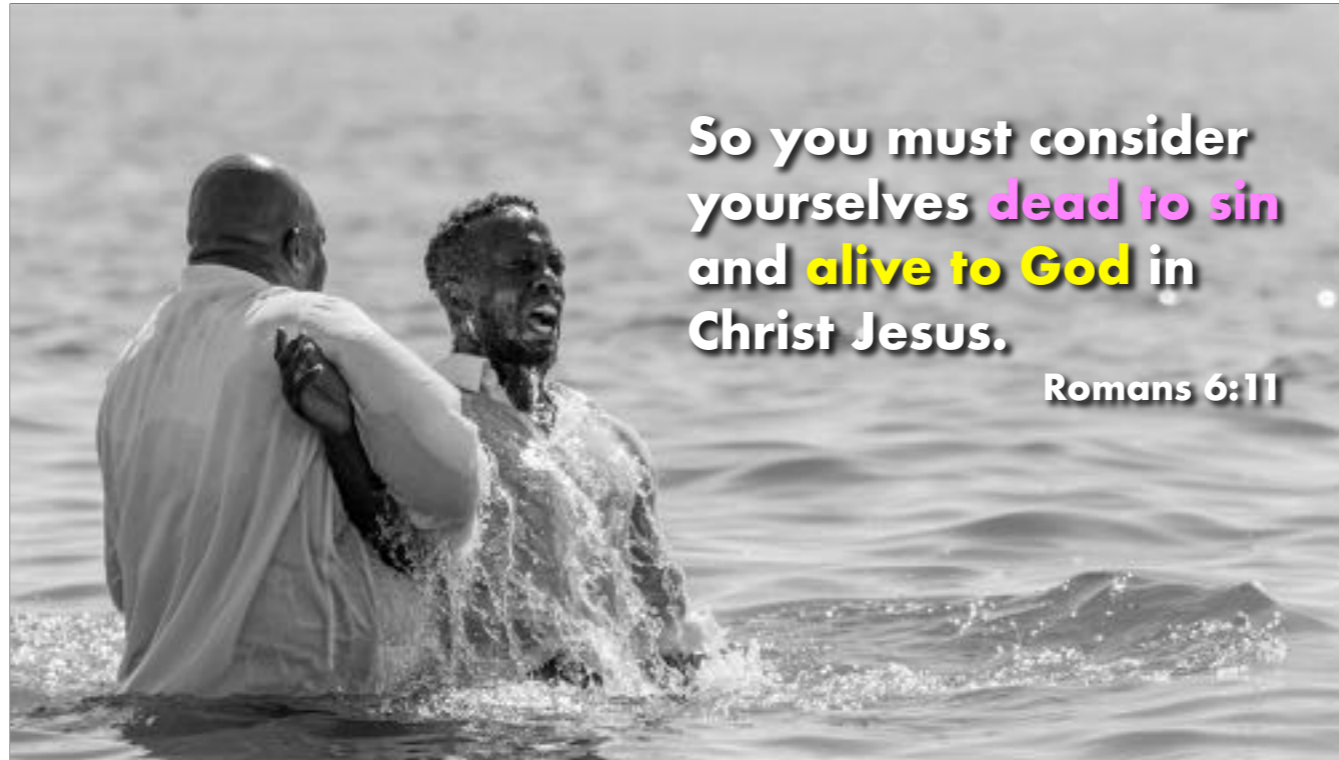




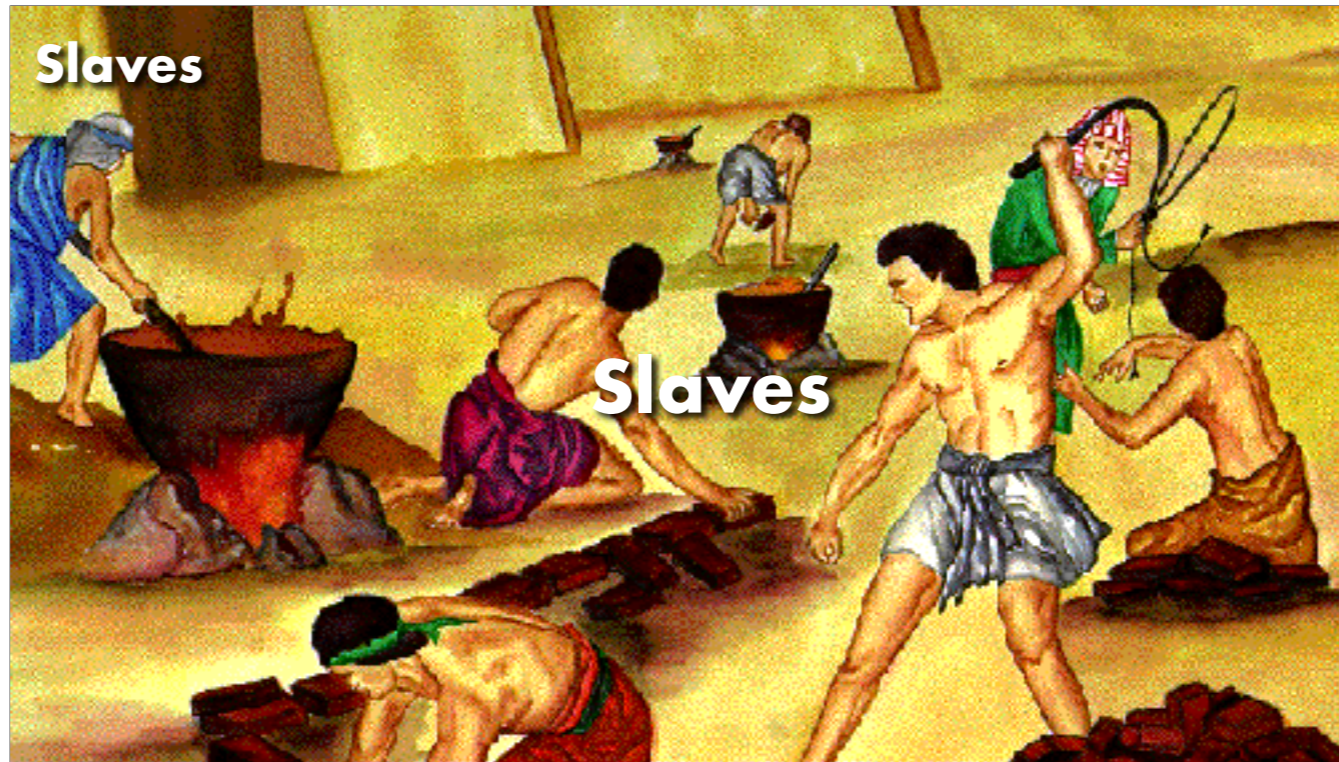
- Romans 12:1-2 (ESV) 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



- Romans 12:1: A living sacrifice!
- Romans 6:11: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



- Romans 6:22 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.



- Exodus 1:11-14 (ESV) 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. 13 So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

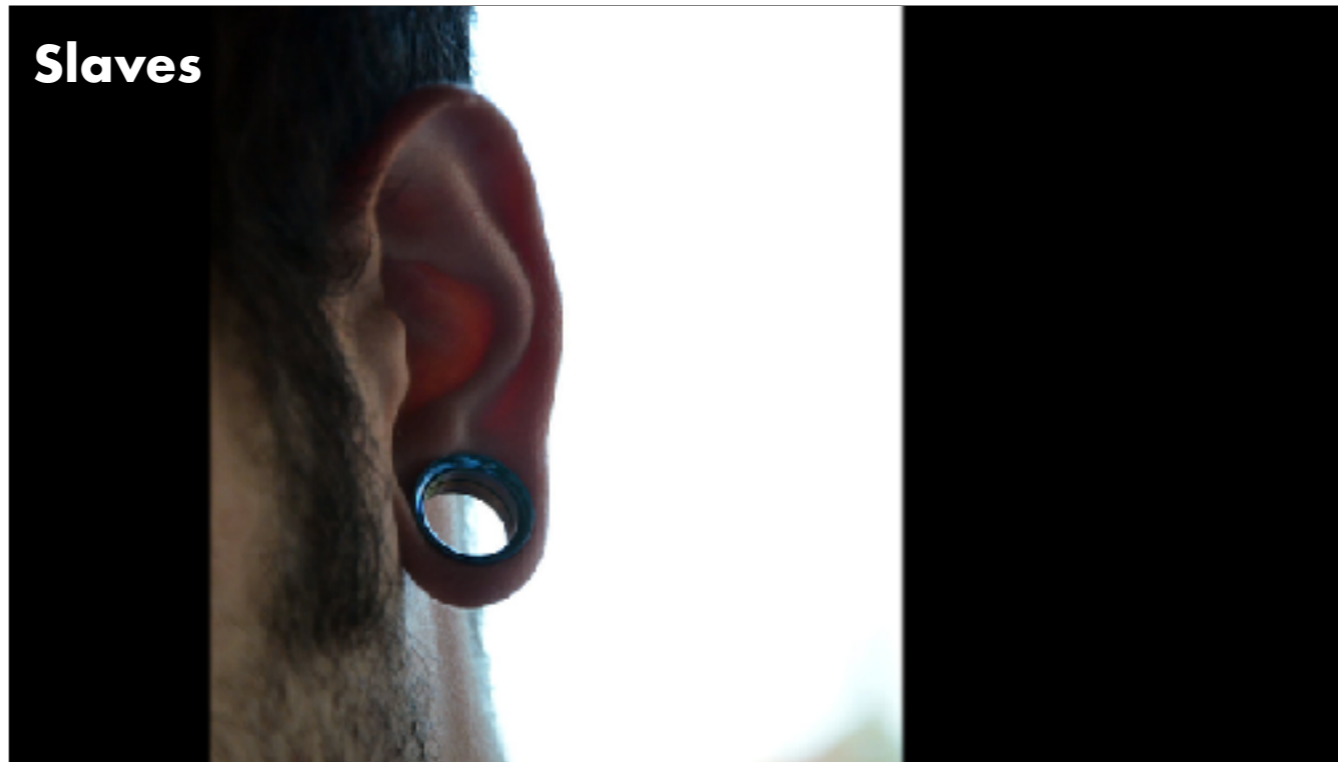


- Our sense of slavery
- We consider slavery one of imposed will of another on me.
- With the Egyptians, they had no right to do what they did.
- The slaves gained by war was in imposition of one society upon another by the way it treated its captives.
- The treatment was generally harsh and inflexible.
- In our nation, inhuman and demeaning
- The slave's considerations were unimportant.
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## Slaves



- Contrast this with the indentured servant.
- This is one who sells himself into servanthood for a period of time.
- His service is willing though his position is low.
- This person would not grumble for he chose to place himself in this situation.
- Conditions could be as harsh as the involuntary slave.
- Truly, our indebted placement is very similar to slavery.
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- Exodus 21:1-6 (ESV) 1 “Now these are the rules that you shall set before them. 2 When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing. 3 If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. 4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out alone. 5 But if the slave plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,’ 6 then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever.



- our decision...
  - I love my master!
  - I will not go out free
  - Slave forever
- This is the choice each of us makes at baptism...
  - prefer: disciple, follower, Christian, saint
  - but Paul uses Slaves of God here!



## Slaves of God



- Romans 6:12-14 (ESV) 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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**Galatians 4:3**

**slaves of corruption**

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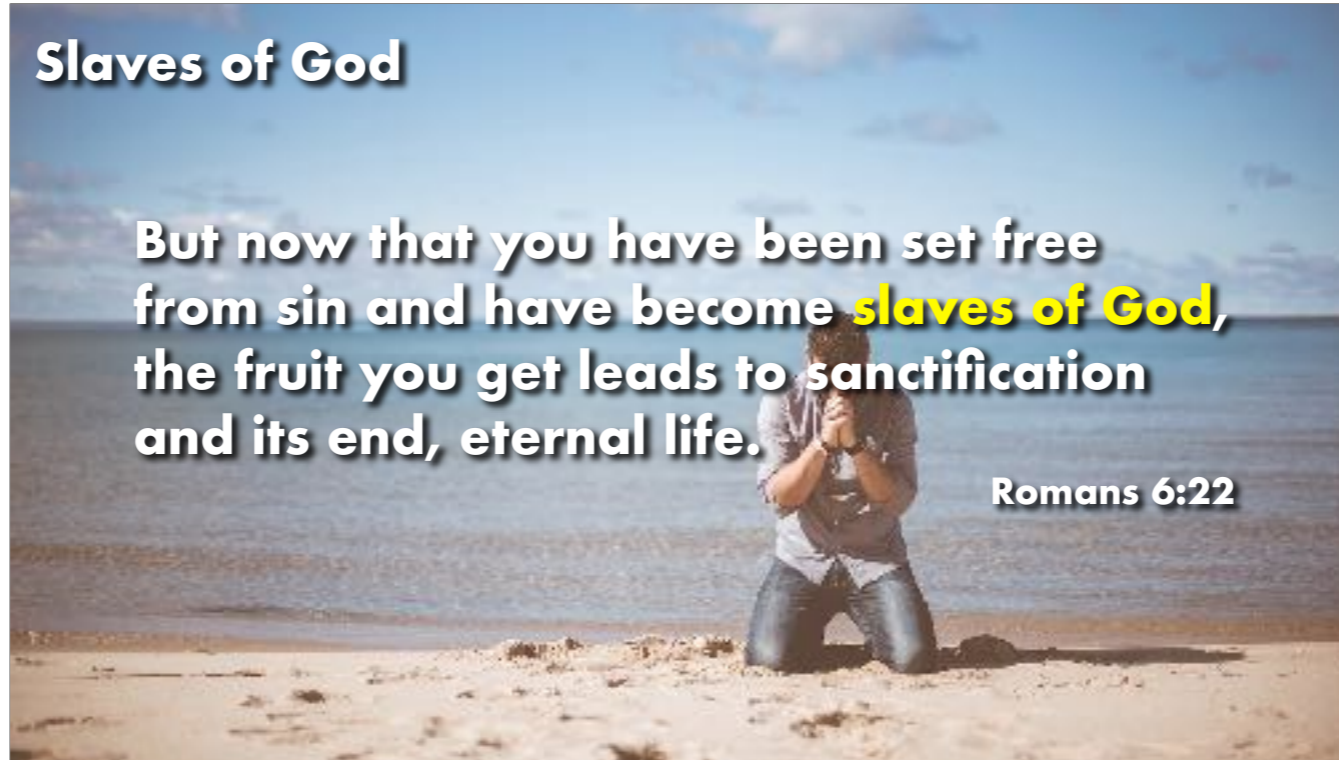
**having been set free from sin,  
have become slaves of righteousness**  
Romans 6:18

- Romans 6:16-19 (ESV) 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.

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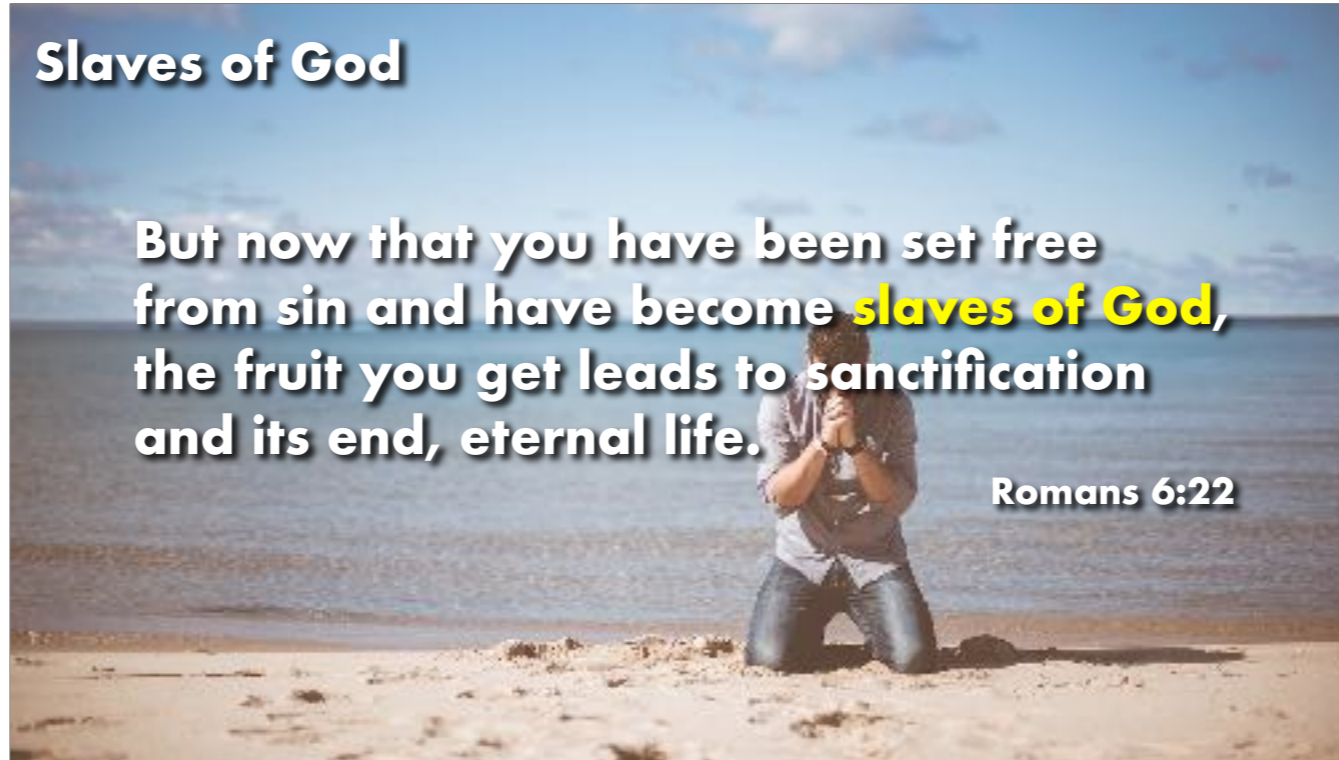


- Romans 6:20-23 (ESV) 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves 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.

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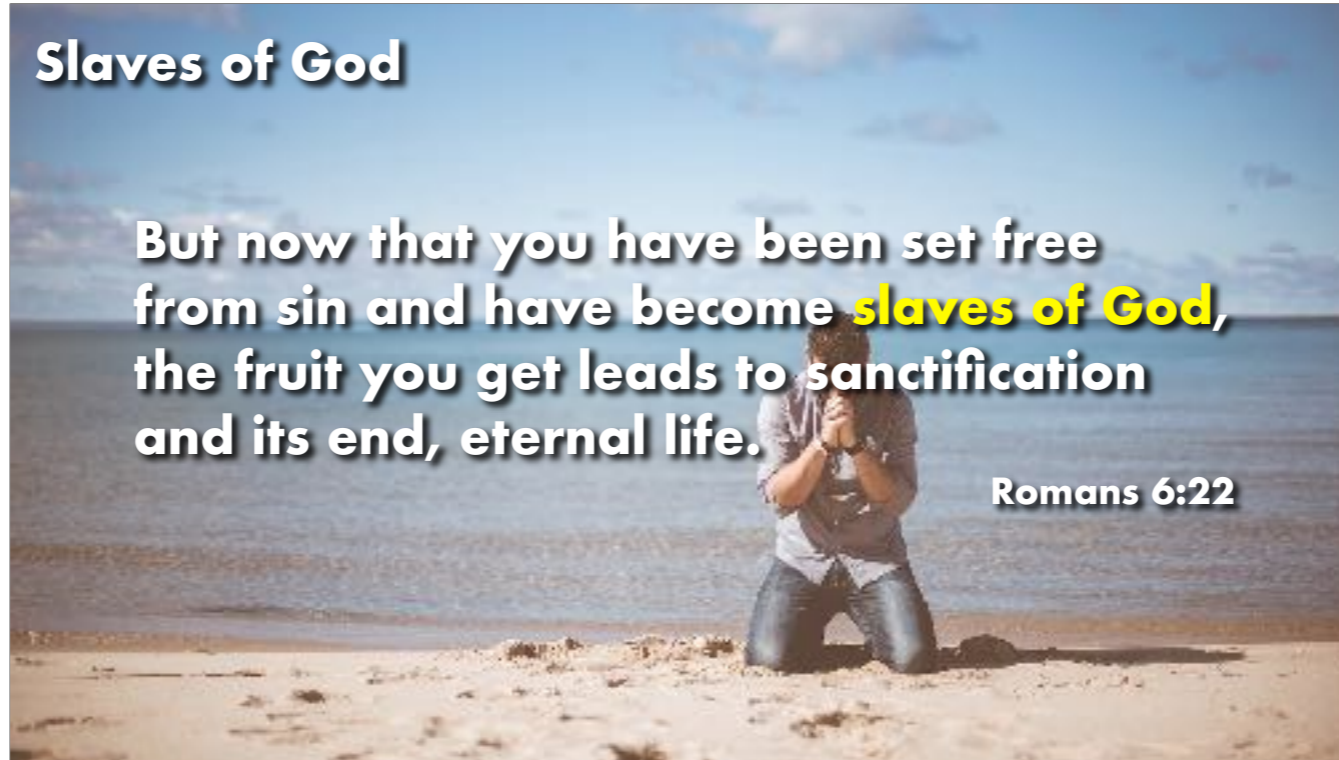


- The modern translations use the word “servant” when older translations use the word “slave”/ “servant”
- We don’t like the word slave.
- We don’t like the association with such a lowly position.
- We don’t like the idea of my thinking not having merit.
- A slave is the property of, wholly subject to another, a person entirely under the domination of some influence or person...and absolutely subject to the will of another.

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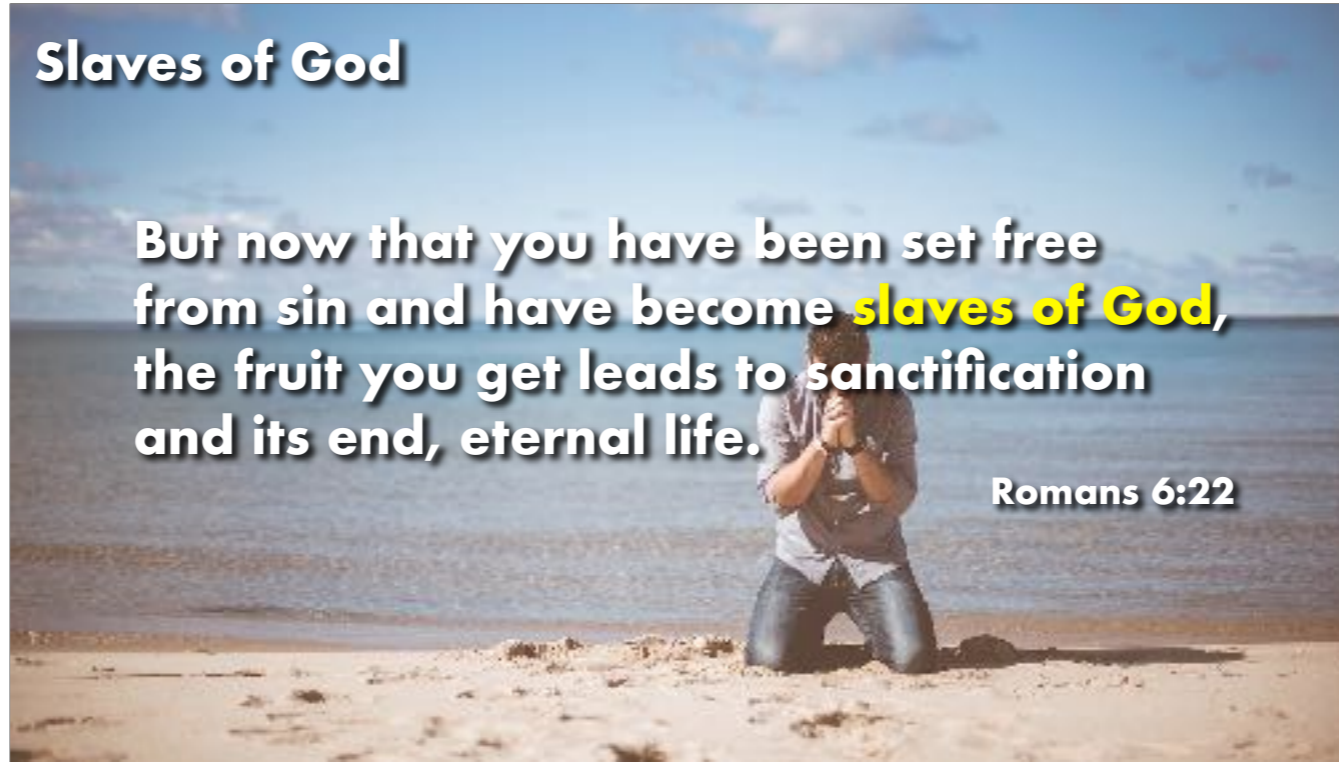
- This is what our transformation is really about.
  - Free from Sin (not conforming to the world: fruit is death!)
  - Slaves of God (I choose, because I love my Master)



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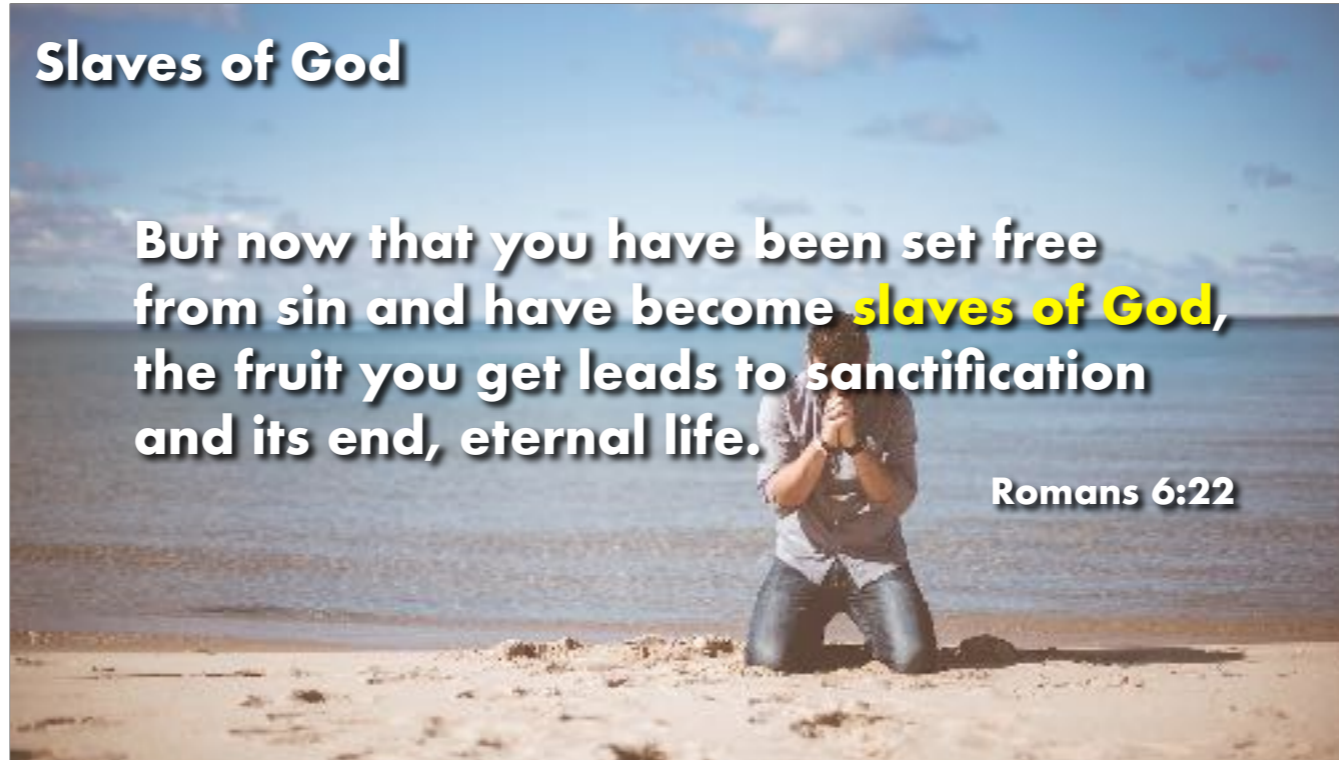


- As the Hebrew that entered into slavery for six years...if he has wed, had children, and desires to be with his family (and master) though he could be freed...he stays permanently...by choice.
- We are slaves by choice...
  - What if our commitment was not deep enough?
  - We must look to our lives under Christ...evaluate whether the gain is enough to remain.
  - We must look to what the other choice would be.
  - We must measure the cost.

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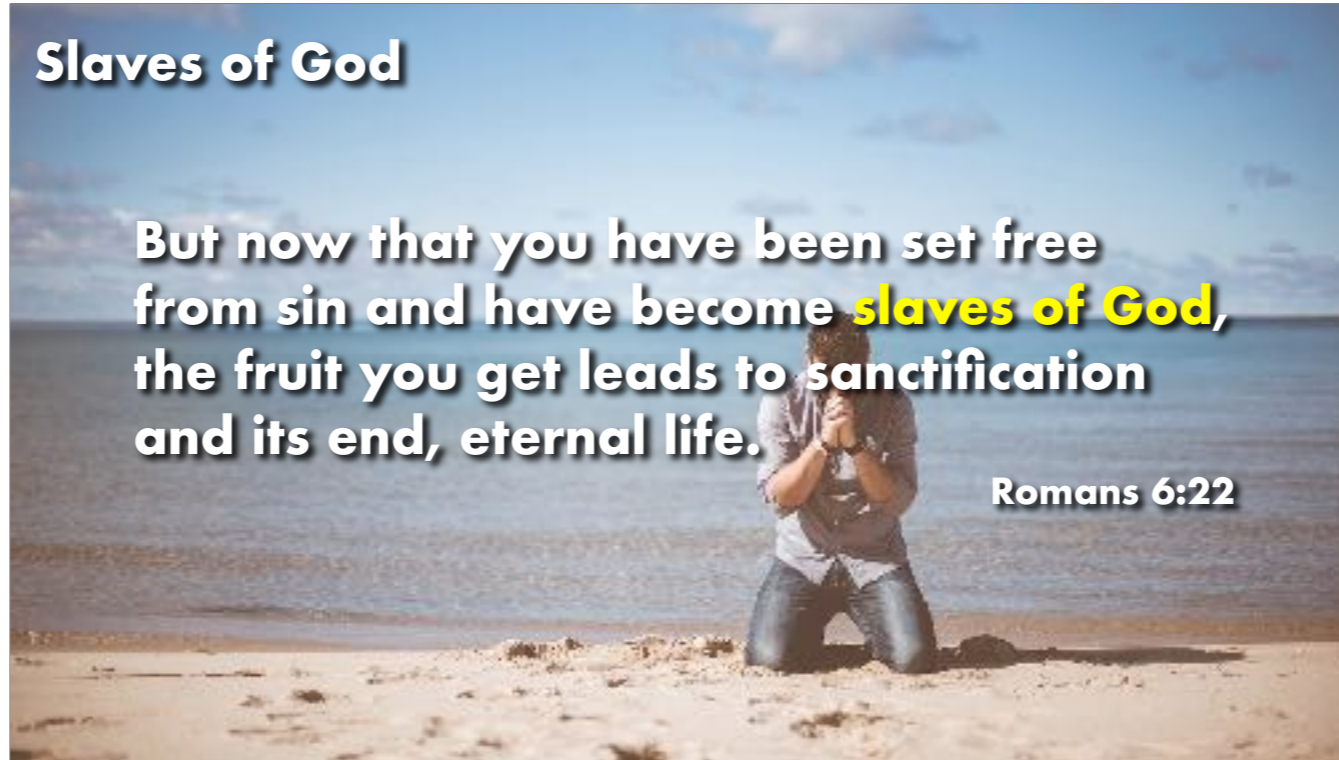


- Have you understood what you did when you became a Christian?
  - Did you understand it was lifelong?
  - Did you understand it was to do whatever the Lord asks?
  - Did you think you had a say-so in what your life would be?
  - Do you see that we can easily think something that is not true?

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- Real transformation is from sin to sanctified (holy)
  - This doesn't happen half-heartedly.
- Baptism: I have died to sin
  - But have I?
- Baptism: Newness of life
  - But do I really live?
  - Am I really a slave?
    - What does that look like each day?

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

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Synopsis: Real transformation can only take place when we understand the full commitment we have made. Living Sacrifices is one aspect, being slaves of God is another. But we tend to struggle with the concept of slavery and what it really means in our lives.

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