

A close-up photograph of a person's hand resting on a weathered wooden plank. The hand is positioned palm-down, with fingers slightly spread. To the left of the hand, a portion of a blue, textured object, possibly a book or folder, is visible. The background is dark and out of focus.

# **VOLUME III**

## **ADVANCED CONSECRATION**

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## STAGE #5 SLAVE: BONDSERVANT

### Introduction

### Stage #5 Slave is the Consecration Finish Line

<sup>19</sup>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**? <sup>20</sup>**For you were bought at a price** (time “an amount paid for an object, service, or person”); **therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s**. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

<sup>22</sup>For he who is called in the Lord while a **slave** (*doulos* “someone who is owned by another, one who gives himself up wholly to another’s will”) is the **Lord’s freedman**. Likewise **he who is called while free is** (present tense) **Christ’s slave** (*doulos*). <sup>23</sup>**You were bought** (*agorazo* aorist passive) **at a price** (time); **do not become** (*ginomai* present active imperative) **slaves** (*doulos*) **of men**.

1 Corinthians 7:22-23

### Part One

### Stage #5 Slave Occurs When the Disciple Spiritually Embraces and Purposefully Lives as Christ’s Slave

#### 1 Slave is the literal translation of the Greek word *doulos* and does not mean \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>22</sup>But now **having been set free** (*eleuthero* aorist passive) **from sin, and having become slaves** (*doulou* aorist passive “to make a slave of, to bring into bondage”) **of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life**. Romans 6:22

**Special note:** *Doulos* only can be translated “slave” never “servant.” At least nine other Greek words are translated or can mean “servant” including *diakonos* (standard word for “servant”) “one who executes the commands of another, a minister,” *pais* “a young servant or attendant,” *latris* “a hired menial,” *leitourgos* “one who performs public duties,” *misthios* and *misthotos* “a hired servant,” *oiketes* “a household servant,” *huperetes* “a subordinate official waiting on his superior” (originally an under-rower in a war-galley), and *therapon* “one whose service is that of freedom and dignity.”

A *doulos* is owned by another person, either by purchase, debt or birth. A vast difference exists between a slave and a servant. A servant is a free person who works because he is hired or works as a volunteer whereas a slave is a person who is owned by another and works whether they like it or not. A servant returns home at night as a free person, but a slave never stops being a slave and remains forever at the bidding of his owner.

<sup>7</sup>“And which of you, **having a servant** (*doulos*) plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’? <sup>8</sup>But will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and **serve** (*diakoneo* present active imperative “to attend to, to render desired service to another, to minister” from the root word *diakonos* “servant, minister.”) **me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’?** <sup>9</sup>Does he thank that **servant** (*doulos*) because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. <sup>10</sup>**So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable** (*achreios* “useless, good for nothing”—in context a humbling statement, “We have done nothing but our duty, my lord”) **servants** (*doulos*). **We have done what was our duty** (*opheilo* imperfect active “to be indebted, what is owed”) **to do.**”

Luke 17:7-10

<sup>5</sup>**Bondservants** (*doulos*), be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, **as to Christ**; <sup>6</sup>not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but as **bondservants** (*doulos*) **of Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart, <sup>7</sup>with goodwill doing **service** (*douleuo* “to do the work of a slave, work under bondage, obey as a slave”) **as to the Lord**, and not to men, <sup>8</sup>knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a **slave** (*doulos*) or free. Ephesians 6:5-8

## 2 Slave was modeled by Jesus who came to earth as a \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup>**Let this mind be** (*phroneo* present passive imperative “to think, judge, understand”) **in you which was also in Christ Jesus**, <sup>6</sup>who, being in the form (*morphe* “whole nature and essence”) of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup>but **made Himself of no reputation** (*kenoo* aorist active “to make empty, to abase, to make of no reputation”), **taking** (*lambano* aorist active “to take for one’s own”) **the form** (*morphe* “whole nature and essence”) **of a bondservant** (*doulos*), and coming in the likeness of men. Philippians 2:5-7

## 3 Slave became the disciples’ self-image and primary \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>James, a bondservant (*doulos*) of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. James 1:1a

<sup>1</sup>Simon Peter, a bondservant (*doulos*) and apostle of Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:1a

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a bondservant (*doulos*) of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle. Romans 1:1a

<sup>1</sup>Paul and Timothy, bondservants (*doulos*) of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:1a

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a bondservant (*doulos*) of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. Titus 1:1a

<sup>1</sup>Jude, a bondservant (*doulos*) of Jesus Christ, and brother of James. Jude 1:1a

<sup>29</sup>“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to **Your servants** (*doulos*) that with all boldness they may speak Your word.” Acts 4:29



| Preparation<br>Universal for All Believers |                     | Transition<br>Optional | Maturation<br>Optional |                |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Stage #1                                   | Stage #2            | Stage #3               | Stage #4               | Stage #5       |
| Salvation                                  | Self                | Sacrifice              | Servant                |                |
| One Time                                   | Extended Process    | One Time               | Extended Process       | One Time       |
| Whole                                      | Parts               | Whole                  | Parts                  | Whole          |
| Born Again                                 | Flesh and Spirit    | Living Sacrifice       | Mature Disciple        |                |
| Believe                                    | Pass Tests          | Surrender              | 5 Requirements         | Lose Life      |
| The Starting Point                         | The Wrestling Match | The Turning Point      | The Productive Season  |                |
| Receive                                    | Repent              | Release                | Re-prioritize          | Relationship   |
| The Cross                                  | Wrestlers           | White Flag             | Basin and Towel        | Mallet and Awl |

## Part Two

### Stage #5 Slave Follows Jesus and Chooses to Serve Others with the Mindset of a Slave

<sup>5</sup>*For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves **your bondservants** (doulos) **for Jesus' sake**.* 2 Corinthians 4:5

<sup>19</sup>***For though I am free** (eleutheros “free from restraint or obligation, free from bondage or slavery”) **from all men, I have made myself a servant** (doulōo aorist active “to make a slave of, to bring into bondage”) **to all, that I might win the more**.* 1 Corinthians 9:19

**1 Slave realizes Jesus taught that the “great” among us live as our servants, but the “greatest” choose to live humbly as our \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>26</sup>*“Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires (theolo present active subjunctive) to become great among you, let him be your **servant** (diakonos). <sup>27</sup>**And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be** (esto present imperative) **your slave** (doulos) — <sup>28</sup>**just as the Son of Man did not come to be served** (diakoneo), **but to serve** (diakoneo), and to give His life (psuche) a ransom (lutron) for many.”* Matthew 20:26-28

<sup>3</sup>***Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem** (hegeomai present middle “to think, to consider”) **others better** (huperecho present active hyper “above” and echo “to hold” meaning “to hold another person above yourself”) **than himself**.*

<sup>4</sup>***Let each of you look** (present active imperative) **out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others**. <sup>5</sup>**Let this mind** (phroneo present passive imperative “to have understanding, to cherish the same view”) **be in you which was also in Christ Jesus**.* Philippians 2:3-5

**2 Slave lives to please Christ which often results in not pleasing \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>10</sup>***For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please** (aresko present active “to be acceptable to, to seek acceptance, to accommodate oneself to the opinions and desires of others”)*

men? **For if I still pleased** (*aresko* imperfect active) **men, I would not be a bondservant** (*doulos*) **of Christ.** Galatians 1:10

### 3 Slave works for Christ by serving others fervently and with great \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>12</sup>**Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant** (*doulos*) **of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently** (*agonizomai* present active literally “to compete in the public games” and generally means “to struggle with difficulties or adversaries, to endeavor with strenuous effort, to strain to attain the desired object”) **for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect** (*teleios* “finished, complete, wanting nothing”) **and complete** (*pleroo* perfect passive “to carry out to the full, to accomplish completely, to abound fully”) **in all the will of God.** <sup>13</sup>**For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal** (*zelos* “fervor of spirit, ardor, excitement, intense emotion”) **for you.** Colossians 4:12-13a

<sup>14</sup>**Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem** (*lutroo* aorist middle subjunctive) **us...His own special** (*periousios* “one’s own possession”) **people zealous** (*zelotes* “burning with desire, intensely eager”) **for good works.** Titus 2:14

## Part Three

### Stage #5 Slave Lives Totally Abandoned to Christ and Experiences Everything He Promised

#### 1 Slave serves Christ on earth just like all believers will in \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup>**And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants** (*doulos*) **shall serve** (*latreuo* future active “to render religious service, to perform sacred duties”) **Him.** Revelation 22:3

<sup>15</sup>**Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve** (*latreuo* present active “to render religious service or worship, to participate in the rites of worship”) **Him day and night in His temple.**

<sup>17</sup>**For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away** (*exaleipho* future active) **every tear from their eyes.”**  
Revelation 7:15,17

#### 2 Slave is a son and heir, and by obedience may become Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>14</sup>**You are My friends** (*phileo*) **if you do** (*poieo* present active subjunctive) **whatever I command** (*entello* present active “to order”) **you.** <sup>15</sup>**No longer do I call you servants** (*doulos*), **for a servant** (*doulos*) **does not know what his master** (*kurios* “lord”) **is doing; but I have called you friends** (*philos*), **for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”** John 15:14-15

<sup>4</sup>**But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,** <sup>5</sup>**to redeem** (*exagorazo* aorist active subjunctive “to pay the price, to buy for one’s self”) **those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.** <sup>7</sup>**Therefore you are** (present) **no longer a slave** (*doulos*) **but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.** Galatians 4:4-5, 7

#### 3 Slave abides with Christ, experiences the abundant life, and receives many amazing answers to \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>10</sup>**I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”** John 10:10b



<sup>7</sup>**"If you abide** (*meno* aorist active subjunctive "to remain, continue, dwell with") **in Me, and My words abide** (*meno* aorist subjunctive) **in you, you will ask** (*aiteo* future middle) **what you desire** (*theo*lo present active subjunctive), **and it shall be done** (future active) **for you.** <sup>11</sup>**These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.** <sup>24</sup>**Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask** (*aiteo* present active imperative), **and you will receive** (*lambano* future active), **that your joy may be** (present subjunctive) **full."**

John 15:7, 11; 16:24

#### 4 Slave experiences supernatural manifestations of Christ and the Godhead even comes to dwell with \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>21</sup>**"He who has My commandments and keeps** (present active) **them, it is he who loves** (*agapao* present active) **Me. And he who loves** (*agapao* present active) **Me will be loved** (*agapao* future passive) **by My Father, and I will love** (*agapao* future active) **him and manifest** (*emphanizo* future active "to show oneself, to disclose") **Myself to him.** <sup>23</sup>**If anyone loves** (*agapao* present active subjunctive) **Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love** (*agapao* future active) **him, and We will come** (future active) **to him and make** (*poieo* future active) **Our home** (*mone* "a place of abiding together, a residence, dwelling place" translated "mansion" in John 14:2) **with him."**

John 14:21, 23b

#### 5 Slave can participate in the optional Ceremony of the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>12</sup>**"If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.** <sup>16</sup>**And if it happens that he says to you, 'I will not go away from you,' because he loves you and your house, since he prospers with you,** <sup>17</sup>**then you shall take an awl and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female servant you shall do likewise."** Deuteronomy 15:12, 16-17

<sup>5</sup>**"But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,'** <sup>6</sup>**then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the door post, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever."** Exodus 21:5-6

### Conclusion

## Stage #5 Slave Bondservant Consecration Breakthrough: Participate in the Ancient Bondservant Ceremony

<sup>20</sup>**I have been crucified** (*systauroo* perfect passive) **with Christ; it is no longer I who live** (present active), **but Christ lives** (present active) **in me; and the life which I now live** (present active) **in the flesh I live** (present active) **by faith in the Son of God, who loved** (*agapao* aorist active) **me and gave** (aorist active) **Himself for me.** Galatians 2:20

| Bondservant Breakthrough   | 1. Reject Bondservant   | 2. Almost Bondservant   | 3. Ready Bondservant   |
|--|---|---|--|
| "I fully embrace that I have been purchased by Christ and have volunteered to be His loyal Bondservant forever." | <input type="checkbox"/> "I don't like or accept the idea that I am a slave of Christ or anyone else either. I am free and independent and rule my life as I wish." | <input type="checkbox"/> "I know that Christ purchased me and I serve Him sometimes, but I'm just not ready to surrender as His Bondservant." | <input type="checkbox"/> "I have fully embraced that I am Christ's purchased possession and am finally ready to participate in the Ceremony of the Bondservant." |

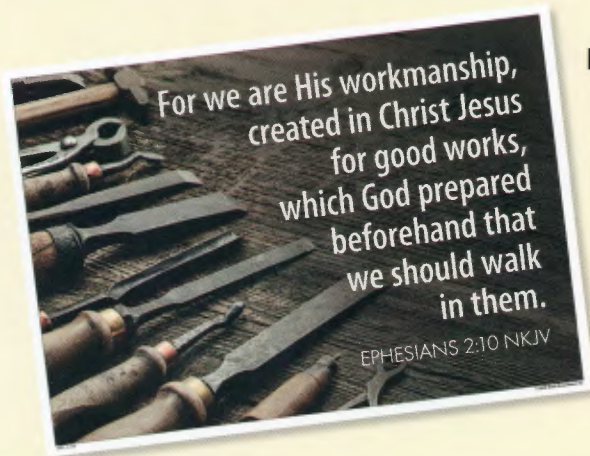
<sup>5</sup>**"Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?"** 1 Chronicles 29:5b

## POST-SESSION 7 **Slave Bondservant Interactive Questions**

1. **Review:** From our Bible study, contrast the difference between a “servant” and a “slave.” Why is it easier for us to think of ourselves as a “servant of Christ” rather than a “slave of Christ”?
2. **Respond:** As our life in heaven will be centered around worshipping and serving Christ all the time and in every way, why do we hesitate to be His bondservant now?
3. **Reflect:** How hard do you think it was for Jesus to leave His place in heaven and come to earth—as a slave? Why do you think He came as a *doulos*?
4. **Renew:** If you were to pursue life as a bondservant of Jesus, what are the practical changes you would have to make in your life?



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