



6 being conflicent of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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## Philippians 1

- 7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.
- 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
- 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,
- 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
- n filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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### Philippians 1:1

## "Bond-servants!"

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus...

This "free-born" Roman citizen...

Identifies himself as one in willing and loving submission to Christ Jesus, **and to them!** 





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Recall creation story... 6 days of "work"... 7<sup>th</sup> day REST!

The slave is here presented as one who has fulfilled the required length of service... Legal Requirements:

**FULFILLED!** 





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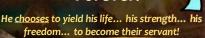
The married slave... Is free to leave!

If he does though, he walks away from his master, his wife, and his children.

But he is also .... Free to stay!







# "Bond-servants!"

**It was voluntary:** "But if the <u>servant</u> declares." Exodus 21:5

It was based on love: "… I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free…" Exodus 21:5

It was permanent: "Then he will be his servant for life." Exodus 21:6



# "Bond-servants!"

#### Pierced at the doorway -

- Symbolizes the willful transition from a hired to a loving servant
- He will remain faithful to the master and to the family he loves
- The slave's ear now forever "attached" to the master's house
  - No longer an "ear" yielded to another Forever inclined to ONLY this master's voice.
    Reminder upon every entrance/exit from the master's house



### "Bond-servants!"

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself,

taking the form of a **bondservant**,

being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross."

Philippians 2:5-8

