

## Philippians 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:  
 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality  
 with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of  
 a servant, being made in human likeness.  
 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled  
 himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a  
 cross!

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## John 14:18-21

18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.  
 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you  
 will see me. Because I live, you also will live.  
 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and  
 you are in me, and I am in you.  
 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one  
 who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my  
 Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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## John 14:23-24

23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my  
 teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to  
 them and make our home with them.  
 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.  
 These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the  
 Father who sent me.

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## John 14:28-31

28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming  
 back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am  
 going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.  
 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it  
 does happen you will believe.  
 30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this  
 world is coming. He has no hold over me,  
 31 but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the  
 Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

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## Philippians 1:1

### “Bond-servants!”

Paul and Timothy, <sup>^</sup>servants of Christ Jesus...

This “free-born” Roman citizen...

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

**“Bond-servants!”**

Umm, regarding slaves...

Exodus 21:2-6

If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for **six** years. But in the **seventh** year, **he shall go free**, without paying anything.

**To start with...**

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Exodus 21:2-6

“But if the servant declares, ‘I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,’ then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.”

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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!”**

Because of love!  
... for his **wife...** **his children...** and **master...**  
... he may voluntarily choose to stay...  
**“Forever!”**

He **chooses** to yield his life... his strength... his freedom... **to become their servant!**

**“Bond-servants!”**

It was voluntary:  
“But if the servant 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 -**

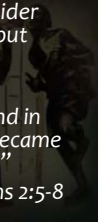
- Symbolizes the willful transition from a hired to a loving servant
- He will remain faithful to the master and to the family he loves
- The slave's ear now forever “attached” to the master's house
- No longer an “ear” yielded to another – Forever inclined to ONLY this master's voice.
  - Reminder upon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



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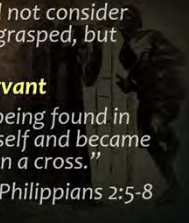
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taking the form of a **bondservant**  
<sup>By the master!</sup>  
**Pierced through at the doorway!**





**Christ Jesus**  
taking the form of a **bondservant**  
<sup>By the master!</sup>  
**Pierced through at the doorway!**

**Blood on the threshold!**

**Permanent... decision!**  
(submit to the master's will!)

**Permanently scarred!**


**Because of love!**

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**Christ Jesus**  
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“Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

Hebrews 10:7




**Christ Jesus**  
taking the form of a **bondservant**

“I want the world to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father has commanded me to do.”

John 14:31

**For love of the Master!**




**Christ Jesus**  
taking the form of a **bondservant**

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...”

Ephesians 5:25

**For love of the bride!**




**Christ Jesus**  
taking the form of a **bondservant**

“But it pleased the Lord to crush this humble servant who willingly endured such pain. For, in giving His life is offered as restitution, he will see his offspring.”

Isaiah 53:10

**For love of the family!**




**Christ Jesus**  
taking the form of a **bondservant**

“Peace be with you!”  
And He showed them His hands and side!”

John 20:19-20

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain...

Revelation 5:6




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**Loving submission!**

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...  
**1x decision!**

**Reaffirmed in every decision!**

*"My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27*



Father, let this cup pass from Me.


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not My will, but Yours be done.  
Luke 22:42



**"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced;**

Burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, 'Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.'" Psalm 40:6-8



**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

