

BOND-SLAVE OF CHRIST

Jude opens his Epistle with a four-fold description of a Church Age Believer (CAB)

(Jude 1) “Jude (nsm), a **bond-slave** (doulas / nsm) of Jesus Christ, and brother (nsm) of James, to those who are **called** (tois kletos / dplm), **beloved** (agapao / perf.p.ptc.dplm) in God the Father and **kept** (tereo / perf.p.ptc.dplm) for Jesus Christ.”

- 1. The first important point to understand of the doctrine of Bond-Slave of Christ is that there are two spheres of spiritual slavery in the world.**

Domain of darkness

(Col.1:13-14)

Kingdom of The Son

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Doulos of Hamartia
(slave of sin) (AOS)

Doulos of Christos
(slave of Christ)

- 2. Jesus Christ became a slave of our sin so that we could become a bond-slave of His righteousness (2 Cor.5:21; Heb.4:15; 1 John 3:15; 1 Pet.1:18-19; 2:24; 3:18).**

Jesus Christ redeemed us from the slave market of sin in order to save us on the basis of grace through faith (Eph.1:7; 2:8-9; Rom.1:16; 1 Cor.15:3-4).

Grace salvation frees us from the slave market of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) (Rom.5:12; 8:1-4; 1 Cor.15:22, 45; Gal.5:1, 13).

- 3. After salvation, the Church Age Believer (CAB) must make a volitional decision to become a bond-slave of Christ.**

Salvation gives you the freedom to choose whom you will serve:

(Rom.16:18) “For such men are **slaves**, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.”
(Gal.5:16-17; Rom.8:5-8; 12:11; Acts 15:10; 16:17)

(Rom.14:17-19) “For the kingdom of God is NOT eating and drinking but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he **who is in this way serves (douleuo / p.a.ptc.nsm) Christ** is acceptable to God and approved by men so then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.” (Col.3:24; Acts 20:19)

(Eph.6:6) “Not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as **slaves of Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart.” (Gal.1:10)