

## Seeking to Be His Slave

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's..." I Corinthians 6:19-20

Jesus Christ "bought you with a price" – the price of His own blood on the cross – in order that you may serve as His slave throughout eternity. "When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness...The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life."<sup>1</sup>

Meditate on these things God expects of you as you seek to be His obedient slave:

- You must forgive others while not expecting others to forgive you
- You must be just in every relationship in life without expecting justice in an intrinsically unjust world
- You should expect persecution while never persecuting others
- You must love others by seeking what is best for them without expecting reciprocity
- You must look only to God for the meeting of your needs while assuming responsibility for meeting the needs of others

That God expects this is clearly taught throughout the New Testament. The only way you can obey Him in these matters is if you believe He will protect you from people and circumstances, and that His love for you means that He will only allow in your life that which accrues to your eternal good.

<sup>1</sup> Romans 6:20-22