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## Romans



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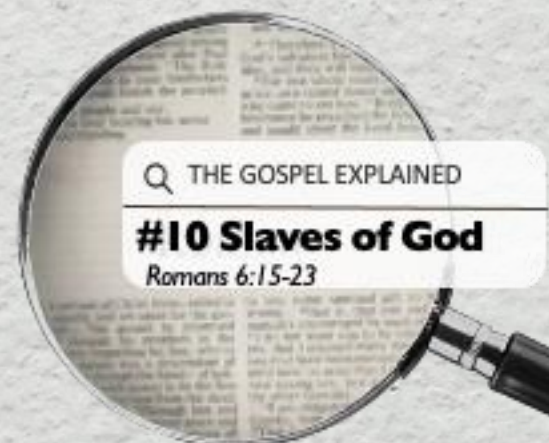
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# #10 **Slaves of God**

*Romans 6:15-23*

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**Romans 6:15-23 ESV**



***<sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.***

**Romans 6:15-23 ESV**



***22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

**Romans 6:15-23 ESV**



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## ***Romans 6:1-14***

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***6:1 What shall we say then?  
Are we to continue in sin  
that grace may abound?  
2 By no means!***

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# SLAVES OF GOD

*Romans 6:15-23*

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**3 QUESTIONS**



Q1

WHOSE  
**SLAVE**  
ARE YOU



*Romans 6:15-23*

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*<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are **slaves** of the **one whom you obey**, either of **sin**, which leads to death, or of **obedience**, which leads to righteousness?*

**Romans 6:16 ESV**



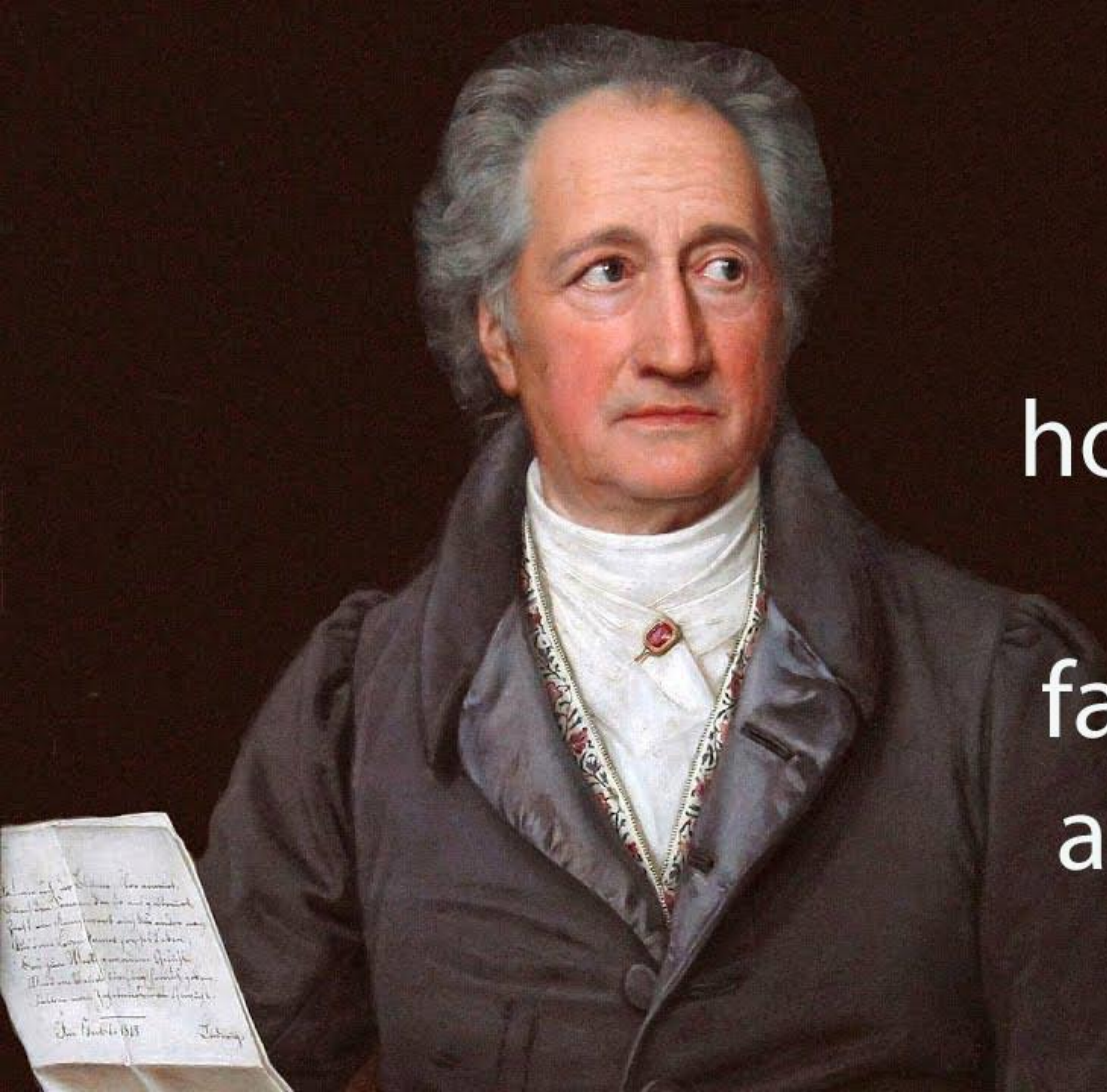
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We are all  
**SLAVES**

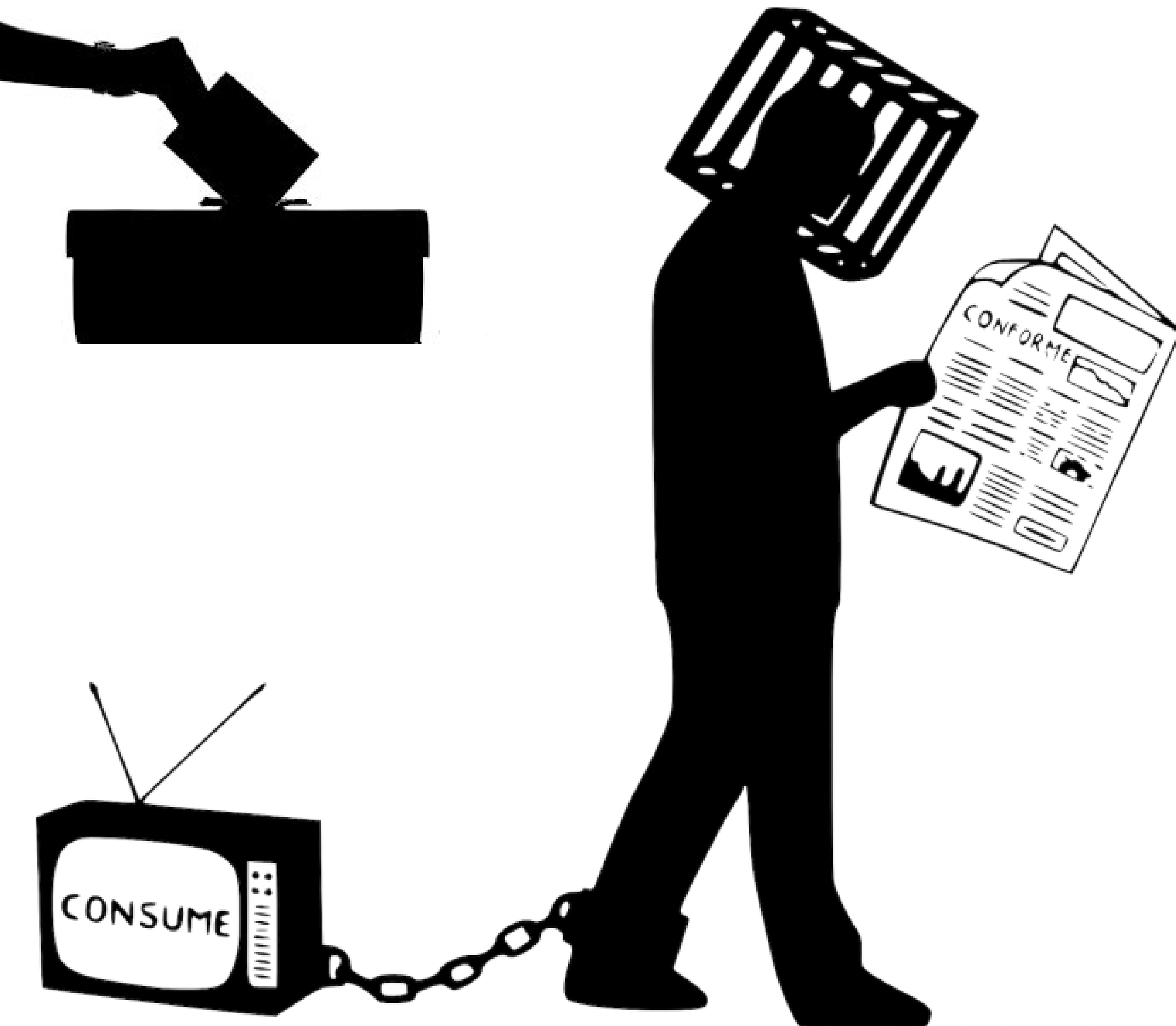
We just have  
different  
**MASTERS**

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"None are more  
hopelessly enslaved  
than those who  
falsely believe they  
are free." ~ Johann  
von Goethe



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**Romans 6:19 ESV**





# Roman Slaves

Greco-Roman world  
was a slave society

1/3 of population was  
slaves

Slaves completely  
at mercy of their  
masters



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# Hebrew Slaves

Slavery in Hebrew world  
are due to debts

Slaves are freed after  
six years of service

Some choose to serve  
after being freed – bond  
slaves

Exodus 21:2-11



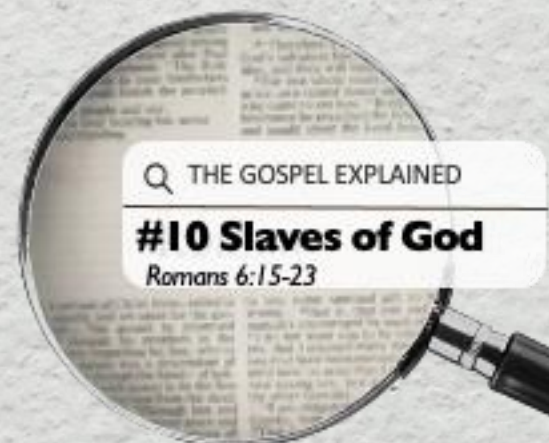
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Man is **born to be a servant**, and a servant he must be. **Who shall be his master?** That is the **question**. Our text proves the point with which I have started, for it speaks of “being made free from sin,” and in the same breath it adds, “You became the servants of righteousness.” **There is no in-between:** there does not appear to be a moment left for an independent state, but **out of one servitude we pass into another.**

Charles H. Spurgeon



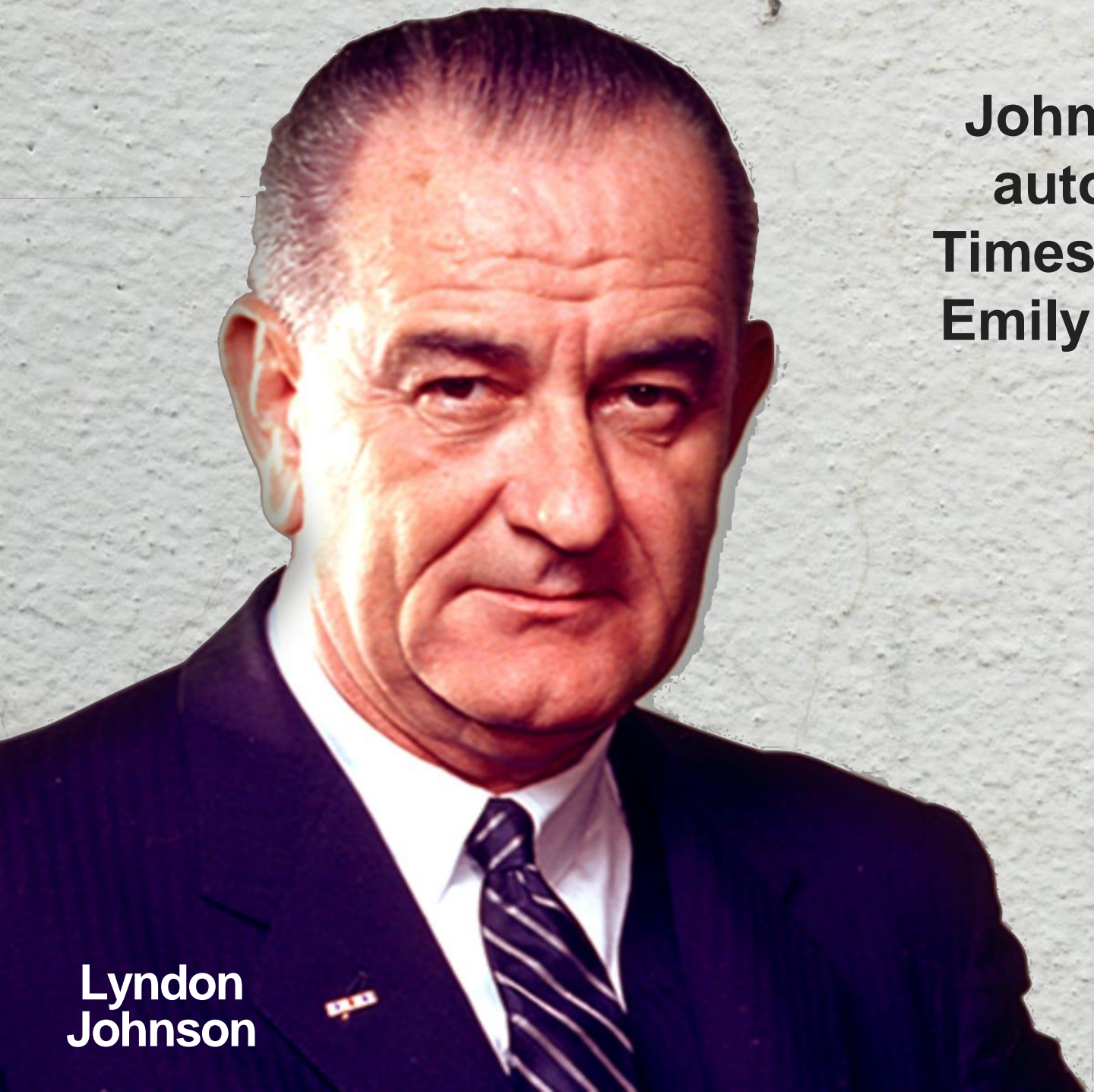
*20 For when you were **slaves of sin**, you were **free in regard to righteousness**.*

*22 But now that you have been **set free from sin** and have become **slaves of God**,*

**Romans 6:20, 22 ESV**

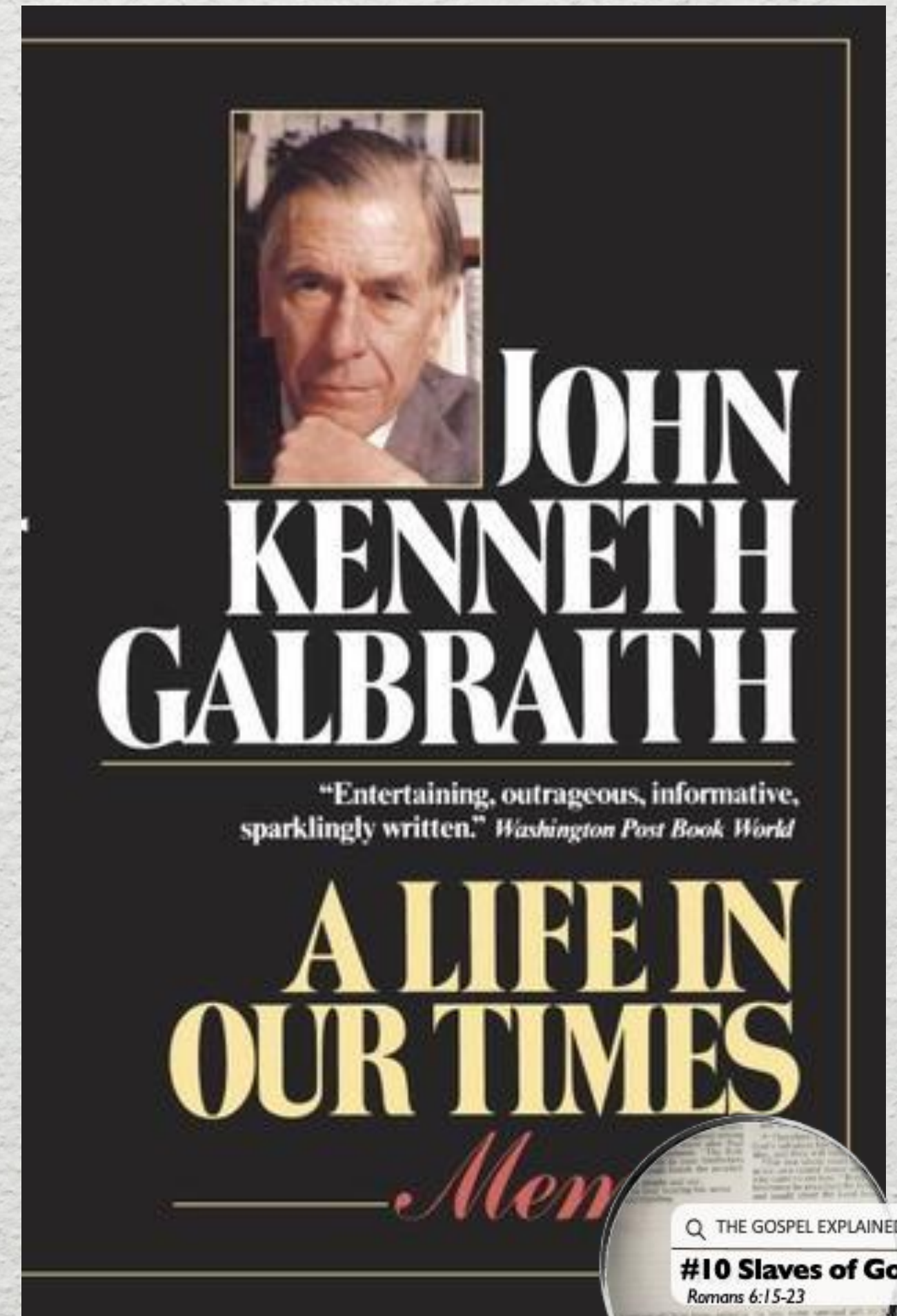


**“HE IS SLEEPING,  
MR. PRESIDENT”**



**Lyndon  
Johnson**

John Kenneth Galbraith, in his autobiography, *A Life in Our Times*, illustrates the devotion of Emily Gloria Wilson, his family's housekeeper:



John Kenneth Galbraith, *A Life in Our Times*, Houghton Mifflin, Reader's Digest, December, 1981



*Invictus*

**I am the master  
of my fate,  
I am the captain  
of my soul**

*William Ernest Henley*



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Romans 6:15-23

***23 for all have sinned and  
fall short of the glory of  
God,***

**Romans 3:23 ESV**



## *Obey God?*

*Gen 2:16  
And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,"<sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

## *Obey Serpent?*

*Gen 3:1 He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"<sup>3</sup> but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."*





# Q2

## WHY IT MATTERS



*Romans 6:15-23*

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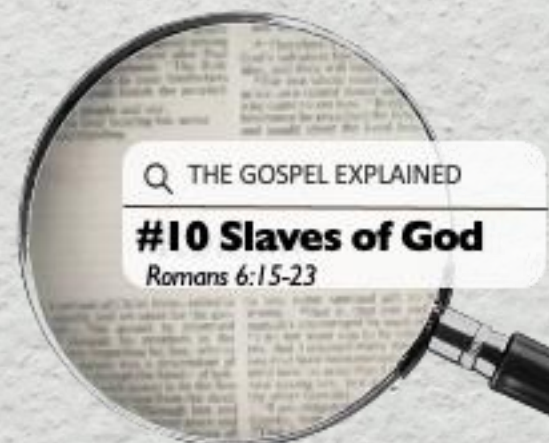
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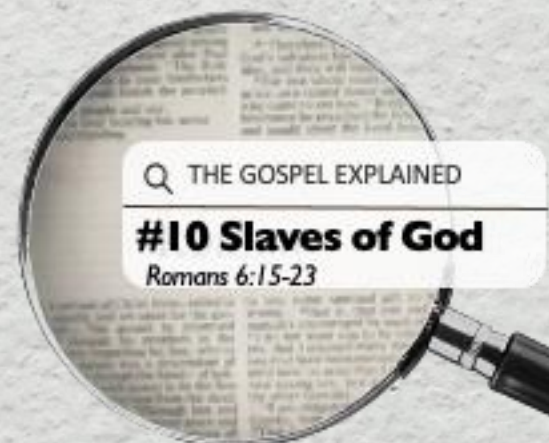
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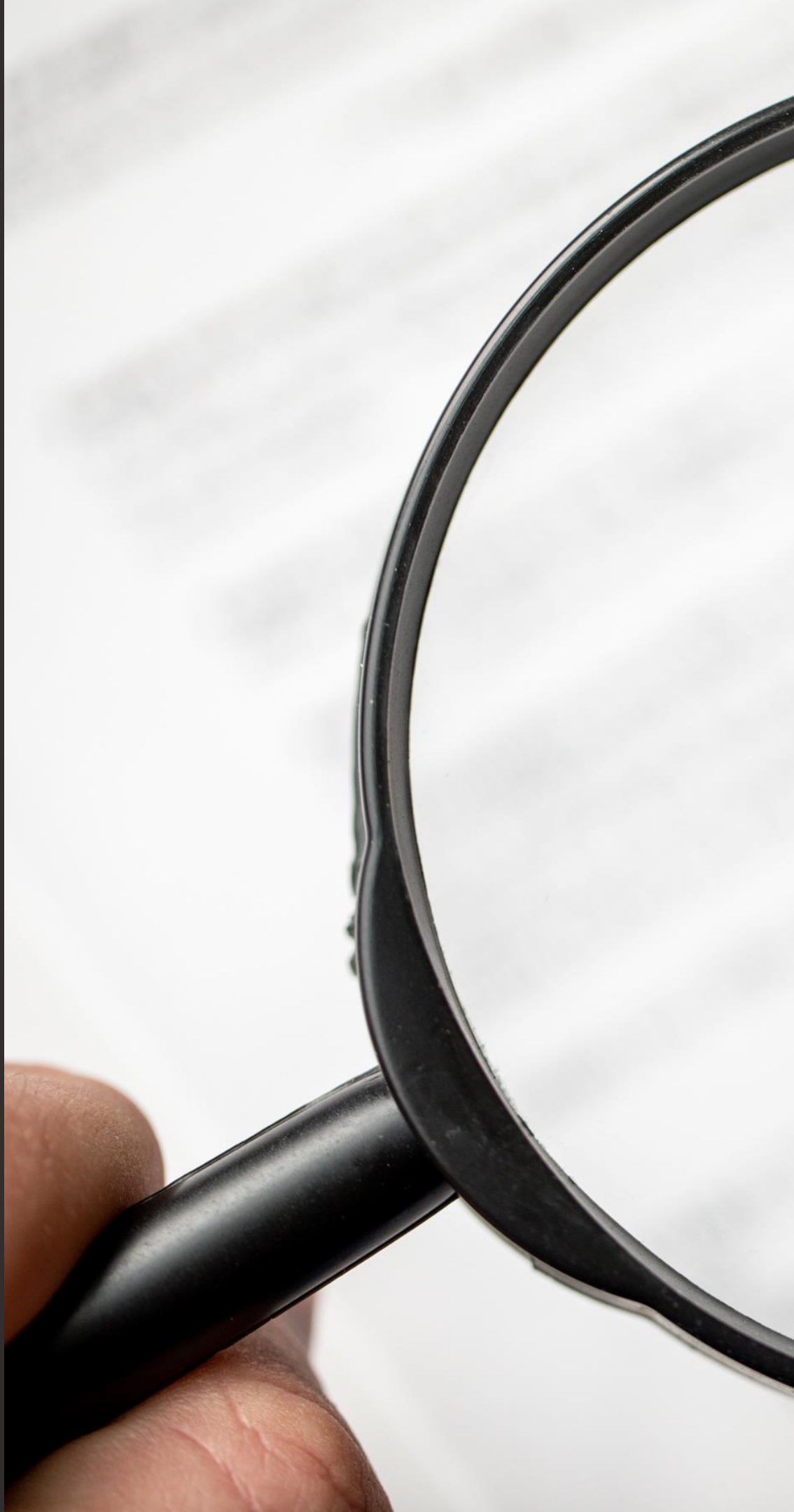
**Romans 6:16-17 ESV**



*19 For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness **leading to more lawlessness**, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness **leading to sanctification.***<sup>20</sup> *For when you were **slaves of sin**, you were **free in regard to righteousness.***<sup>21</sup> *But what **fruit** were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now **ashamed**? For the end of those things is **death.***<sup>22</sup> *But now that you have been **set free from sin** and have become **slaves of God**, the fruit you get leads to **sanctification** and its end, **eternal life.***

Romans 6:19-22 ESV





Over time, the  
**obedience we give, to  
God or sin, changes  
us. Eventually we  
become like the one  
we obey**

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# Slaves to SIN

# Slaves of GOD

**We ALL have a MASTER**

*under law (v15)*

*under grace (v15)*

**We are ALL ENSLAVED**

*slaves of sin (v16,17)*

*slaves of obedience (v16)  
slaves of righteousness (v18)  
slaves of God (v22)*

**We ALL have some FREEDOM**

*control of righteousness (v20)*

*control of sin of (v18,22)*

**We ALL make OFFERINGS**

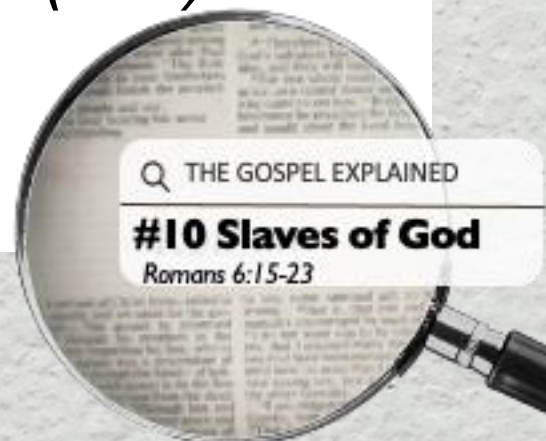
*impurity, lawlessness (v20)*

*obedience, righteousness (v16,19)*

**We ALL reap FRUITS**

*now ashamed of (v21)  
ending in death (v21)*

*sanctification (v22)  
ending in eternal life. (v22)*





An evident **symptom**  
of being  
**truly saved**  
is  
**TRANSFORMATION**

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# Q3

## WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE



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**Romans 6:22-23 ESV**



BEING A SLAVE OF  
RIGHTEOUSNES IS A  
**BETTER SLAVERY**  
BECAUSE **GOD IS A**  
**BETTER MASTER.**



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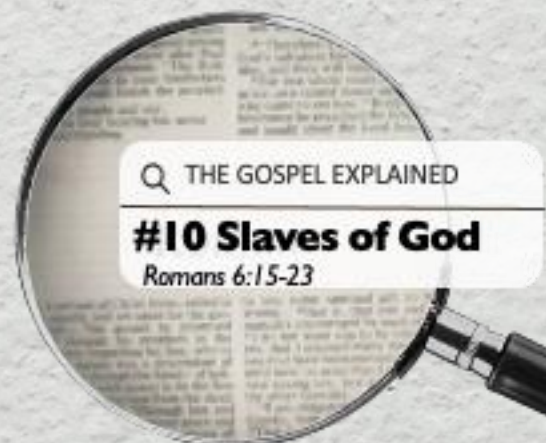
***Slaves of GOD***

***Wages of Sin***

***Gift of God***

***Death***

***Eternal Life***



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***11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,***

**Titus 2:11-12 ESV**



**EVERY TIME YOU MAKE A CHOICE, YOU ARE TURNING THE CENTRAL PART OF YOU - THE PART THAT CHOOSES - INTO SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT IT WAS BEFORE. TAKING YOUR LIFE AS A WHOLE, WITH ALL YOUR INNUMERABLE CHOICES, YOU ARE SLOWLY TURNING THIS CENTRAL THING EITHER INTO A HEAVENLY CREATURE OR INTO A HELLISH CREATURE.**

**- C. S. LEWIS -**





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