



Reaching the World For Christ

Famous Last Words Peter's Last Letter: Part 4

2 Peter 1:1

What do we need to see about slavery?

I. A Picture of Slavery

“The slave in the Greco-Roman world had no rights, no ownership, no legal recourse in the courts, no citizenships, no possibility of doing what they want to do, they were not asked what they thought their purposes were, their dreams were, etc. They owned nothing and were totally dependent upon the one who owned them.” John MacArthur

What does it mean for Peter to be a slave? 3 Things.

1. A slave has no life of his own

Rev 3:20 *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

2. A slave has no time of his own

3. A slave makes no choice of his own

Gal 1:10 *For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

The slave has no rights; he is a being with all the capacities of a man in the conditions of the brute. Such is the slave in the American plantations. He can decide no question relative to his own actions; the slave-holder decides what he shall eat or drink, when and to whom he shall speak, when he shall work, and how long he shall work; when he shall marry...what is right and wrong, virtue and vice. The slave holder becomes the sole disposer of the mind, soul and body of his slave.” Fredrick Douglas

II. The Price of Slavery

1 Cor 7:22 *if you were free when the Lord called you, you are now a slave of Christ*

Luke 14:25-33

Rom 6:16 *Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living*

2 Peter 2:19 *They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved*

III. The Purpose of Slavery

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

What is a witness?

What is an advocate?

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