

MAN'S MONUMENTS TO

PRINCIPLE:

“YOU CANNOT *BUILD FOR THE FUTURE*
UNLESS YOU HAVE *DEALT WITH THE PAST.*”

REMEMBER:

“MOST PEOPLE LIVE IN THE *PRESENT*,
WHILE IN BONAGE TO THE *PAST*,
IN FEARFUL ANTICIPATION OF THE *FUTURE.*”

AFRICA → *SLAVERY* → COLONIALISM

AUGUST 23, 2008

*“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE OF THE
SLAVE TRADE”*

AUGUST 23, 1791

THE BEGINNING OF THE
END OF THE
“ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE”

ON THAT DAY A SLAVE REVOLT IN
SANTO DOMINGO TOUCHED OFF THE
HAITIAN REVOLUTION WHICH
CAUSED THE FRENCH TO LEAVE
HAITI (VOODOO).

THIS HELPED STOP THE
TRIANGULAR SLAVE TRADE
BETWEEN *EUROPE, AFRICA*
AND *AMERICA*. THIS REVOLT
ALSO HELPED ABOLITIONISTS
LIKE *DAVID LIVINGSTONE* AND
WILLIAM WILBERFORCE
LEGALLY STOP THIS EVIL



THE

BUILT BY SWEDES, OCCUPIED BY THE

- PORTUGUESE – 1482 (1st Slave Traders)
- DUTCH - 1637
- ENGLISH -1872

25 MILLION – 75 MILLION
SLAVES FROM AFRICA!

THE UNIVERSALITY OF SLAVERY

- SLAVERY IS NOT JUST AN “AFRICAN TRAGEDY” – BUT A “UNIVERSAL TRAGEDY.”
- ALMOST EVER KNOWN COUNTRY AND CULTURE IN HISTORY HAS EITHER PRACTICED SOME FORM OF SLAVERY OR BEEN ENSLAVED, OR BOTH.

EXAMPLES:

- EGYPTIANS → → “JEWS” (Ex. 19:4)
- BABYLONIANS → → “JEWS” (Jer. 29)

- CHINA → “Great Wall”
- JAPAN → Enslaved the Chinese
- INDIA → “Caste System”
- ROME → “Slavic” = Slave → “Whites”
- CREECE → “Slave Owners”
- EUROPEANS → African Slave Trade
- AMERICANS → African Slave Trade
- AFRICANS → African Slave Trade
- ARABS → 300 – 400 years before the
white man came to Africa

MERCHANTS OF SLAVERY

(I Tim. 1:10)

1. THE MEANING OF SLAVERY:

- BONDAGE
- SERVITUDE
- LOSS OF AUTONOMY

2. THE MEANS OF SLAVERY:

- *VOLUNTARY* (ENDENTURED SLAVES)
- *INVOLUNTARY* (CAPTURED; FORCED)

3. THE MOTIVATION OF SLAVERY:

- POWER
- POSSESSIONS → (II Tim. 3)
- PLEASURE

4. THE MENTALITY OF SLAVERY

- RACISM
- PREJUDICE
- “SIN PROBLEM” → “SKIN PROBLEM”

5. THE MANIFESTATION OF SLAVERY:

- LOSS OF FREEDOM
- LACK OF LIBERTY

→ “*PHYSICAL SLAVES*”

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

- FROM JESUS → John 8:31-34
- FROM PETER → II Peter 2:19
- FROM PAUL → Rom. 6:7-23; 7:14

TYPES OF SLAVERY

- LUST
- SEX (HIV; STD)
- TOBACCO
- ALCOHOL
- DRUGS
- FOOD
- CLOTHING
- POWER
- MONEY
- FALSE GODS & TRADITIONS (Gal. 4:8)
- RACISM
- FEAR
- ANGER
- BITTERNESS
- RESENTMENT
- UNFORGIVENESS
- ETC

6. THE MARKS OF SLAVERY:

- INFERIORITY → “Slave Mentality”
- VICTIMIZATION → “I am a victim of what others have done to me!”
- BLAME → “Always blaming others!”
- SCAPE-GOATING → “It’s my parent’s fault!” (or wife; or husband).
- RATIONALIZATION → “Life has not been fair to me!”

7. THE MASTERY OF SLAVERY:

- THE MIRACLE OF THE GOSPEL
- SALVATION MASTERS SLAVERY
- JESUS DIED FOR ALL
- THE NEW BIRTH IS ALL INCLUSIVE
- AGAPE LOVE DESTROYS RACISM
- THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLS
- KOINONIA UNITES

II CORINTHIANS 5:16-18

“So from now on we regard no one from a *worldly point of view*. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if *anyone* is in Christ, he is a *new creation*; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

EPHESIANS 2:13-22

“Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the *blood* of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has *made the two one* and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...His purpose was to create in Himself *one new man* out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their *hostility*...For through Him we both have

1 PETER 2:9-10

“You are a *chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; a people belonging to God,* that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the *people of God.*”

I CORINTHIANS 12:13

“For we were *all* baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether *Jews* or *Greeks*, *SLAVES* or *free* – and were *all* given the one Spirit to drink.”

GALATIANS 3:26-28

“You are *all* sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For *all* of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither *Jew* nor *Greek*, *SLAVE* nor *free*, *male* nor *female*, for you are *all* one in Christ Jesus.”

GALATIANS 4:6-7

“Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out ‘*Abba, Father.*’ So you are no longer a SLAVE but a SON, and since you are a son, God has made you also an HEIR.”

COLOSSIANS 3:10-11

“...you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no *Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, SLAVE or free,* but Christ is all, and is in all.”

FREED SLAVES → *SERVANT LEADERS*

(Argument among the disciples)

“Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them and their high officials exercise authority over them. *Not so with you.* Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your *servant*, and whoever wants to be first must be your *SLAVE* – just as the Son of Man did not come to *be served* but *to serve* and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Matt. 20).

BOND SLAVE OF LOVE (Deut. 15:12-17)

“If a fellow Hebrew, a man or a woman, sells himself to you and serves you six years, in the seventh year *you must let him go free*. And when you release him, do not send him away empty-handed. Supply him *liberally* from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to him as the Lord your God has blessed you. *Remember that you were SLAVES in Egypt* and the Lord your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.

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But if your servant says to you, 'I do not want to leave you,' *because he loves you and your family and is well off with you.* Then take an awl and push it through his ear lobe into the door, and *he will become your servant for life.* Do the same for your maid-servant."

PAUL → “BOND SLAVE”
(Rom. 1:1)

“Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and *order* you to do what you ought to do, yet I *appeal to you on the basis of love*. I then, as Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – I appeal to you for *my son Onesimus*, who became *my son* while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and *to me*.

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I am sending him – *who is my very heart* back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could *take your place in helping me* while I am in chains for the Gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and *not forced*.

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Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a while was that you might have him back for good – *no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother.* He is *very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.*

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So if you consider me a *partner, welcome him as you would welcome me*. If he has done any wrong or owes you anything, *charge it to me*. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you

SUMMARY:

1. “Everyone who sins is a *SLAVE of sin*”
(Jn. 8:34). Remember: “We are not sinners because we sin; we sin because we are sinners.”
2. “A man is a *SLAVE* to whatever *masters him*”
(II Pet. 2:19).
3. “Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as *SLAVES*, *you are SLAVES to the one whom you obey* – whether you are *SLAVES TO SIN*, which leads to *death*, or (*slaves*) *to obedience* which leads to

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You used to offer the parts of your body in *SLAVER* to impurity...so now offer them in *SLAVERY to righteousness* leading to *holiness*...now that you have been *set free from sin* and have become *SLAVES TO GOD*, the benefit you reap leads to *holiness* and the result is *eternal life*. For the wages of sin is *death*, but the gift of God is *eternal life* in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:16-23).

Summary continued...

4. Jesus Christ → “*Great Liberator*”
→ “*Great Emancipator*”

5. Only Jesus Christ can free us from

- *SIN*
- *SATAN*
- *SELF*
- *SICKNESS*

Summary continued...

6. Ghana led Africa in gaining her “*political independence*” in 1957 from England; may she continue to lead the way in “*spiritual independence*” from Satan!
7. May the Christians of Ghana – especially the pastors and Christian leaders, be life long “*bond slaves of Jesus Christ,*” like the Apostle Paul.
8. May they also be authentic “*servant leaders*” like the Lord Jesus.

Summary continued...

9. May we be “*slaves of God*” rather than “*slaves to sin*” – and live lives of *holiness* for His honor and glory!

10. And may each of us pass on a Godly inheritance to our children.

Principle:

“You can’t do anything about your *ancestors*”

QUESTIONS:

- “Are you living the life of a *SLAVE* or a *SON?*”
- “Are you passing on a *legacy of slavery* to your children or a *legacy of liberty?*”
- “Are you a *bond slave of love* or a *bond slave of lust?*”

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