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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Romans 6:15-23

On January 1, 1863, United States President Abraham Lincoln signed the *Emancipation Proclamation*, declaring that "all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free." Even though legally declared free, most of the individuals enslaved did not get the word until much later. Many finally received word on June 19, 1865, when the public announcement of their freedom was made in the former slaveholding states.

Many slaves to sin continue in bondage, unaware that their freedom was accomplished long ago in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is why Christ's faithful witnesses continue to "go into all the world" to proclaim the good news (Matthew 28:19-20). "But *now* that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life" (Romans 6:22, emphasis added).

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