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1 Peter 2:9-25

God paid a great price for our salvation, "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:19). When we in true repentance accept the sacrifice of Christ and willingly follow Him, obeying God without considering cost, we are freed from sin. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). But, how can a person who is "free indeed" be considered according to Peter, "God's slave" (1 Pet. 2:16)? We are free from sin but purchased for God. Now are owned by a wonderful, loving Master.

The Old Testament presents two types of slaves. One is purchased, a bond slave. The other is called a love slave. The one purchased becomes free after seven years. However, some slaves decide to forfeit their freedom and stay with their beloved master. Then they became a "servant for life" (Exod. 21:6). These are "love slaves."

The best expression of gratitude for the incredible price paid for us, "the precious blood of Christ," is to become His love slaves. Though "you used to be slaves to sin . . . You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness" (Rom. 6:17-18).

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