

“Titus: Healthy (Sound) Doctrine Leads to Healthy (Sound) Community:  
The Biblical Worldview on Slavery” (Part 2)  
Titus 2:9-10

- Man-Stealing:
  - *“Whoever steals a man and sells him (into slavery), and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.” (Exodus 21:16)*
  - *“If a man is found stealing one of his brothers of the people of Israel, and if he treats him as a slave or sells him, then that thief shall die. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.” (Deuteronomy 24:7)*
  
- Old Testament Slavery: *“since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” (Romans 3:20b)*
  - **Theft:** *“He (the thief) shall surely pay. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.” (Exodus 22:3b; cf. Exodus 22:1-5)*
  - **Poverty/Indebtedness:** *“Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and vineyards.” (Nehemiah 5:5b)*
    - Foreigners, who were sojourners in Israel, that were slaves were able to be brought into the covenant laws and blessings of the people of Israel through circumcision (Genesis 17:12), and they were not to work on the Sabbath (Exodus 20:10-11).
  - Other facts about Hebrew slavery:
    - *“He shall serve you **six years**, and in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.” (Deuteronomy 15:12b)*
    - *“When you let him go free from you, you **shall not let him go empty-handed.**” (Deuteronomy 15:13)*
    - *“If he says to you, ‘I will not go out from you,’ because **he loves you and your household, since he is well off with you.**” (Deuteronomy 15:16)*
  
- New Testament Slavery: *“Here (in Christ) there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.” (Colossians 3:11)*
  - *“You were bought with a price; **do not become slaves of men.**” (1 Corinthians 7:23)*
  - *“But if you can gain your freedom, **avail yourself of the opportunity.**” (1 Corinthians 7:21b)*
  - *“No longer as a slave but more than a slave, **as a beloved brother** — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord....If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, **charge that to my account.**” (Philemon 1:16-18)*
  - *“Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.” (Colossians 4:1). “Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with Him.” (Ephesians 6:9)*
  - *“Slaves, be subject to your masters will all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.” (1 Peter 2:18). “Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.” (Colossians 3:22; cf. Ephesians 6:5-9; Titus 2:9-10)*

**Worship:** Grace Alone — *The Modern Post*

The Lord Almighty Reigns (Psalm 93) — *Sovereign Grace Music*

Afflicted Saint, To Christ Draw Near — *Sovereign Grace Music*    **Closing Song:** Turn Your Eyes — *Sovereign Grace Music*

**Service Times:** Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum 6pm;

Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

**Announcements:**

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY, immediately following the worship service. We invite EVERYONE to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a Church Body NEXT Sunday, June 7th.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We are having a Members' Meeting NEXT Sunday, June 7th, immediately following the worship service. This is our annual mid-year Business Meeting. If you are a Church Member, please plan on staying for this meeting. This is an open meeting, meaning that even if you are not a Church Member, you are welcome to sit in on the meeting.

★**MEN'S BOWLING BASH:** Men, mark your calendars and plan on attending the Men's Bowling Bash on Saturday, June 20th, at 3:30pm, at Park Lanes Bowling Center. Included in this is: the cost of two games, bowling shoes, pizza, pop, and dessert! There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign-up if you plan on attending the Men's Bowling Bash!

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for volunteers to join the Children's Ministry and the Cleaning Ministry. If you are currently a Church Member and are interested in volunteering for either of these ministries, or having questions about serving in either of these ministries, please see Katie Sapp (Children's Ministry) or Krystal Scarberry (Cleaning Ministry).