

SERMON OUTLINE

SLAVES TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. DEFINITIONS

A. SLAVES

B. RIGHTEOUSNESS

2. TWO TYPES OF SLAVERY

IRONIC CONTRAST BETWEEN SLAVERY TO SIN & SLAVERY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

A. SLAVERY TO SIN

B. SLAVERY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

3. THE OLD & THE NEW NATURE

A. BAPTISM – UNITED WITH JESUS IN DEATH TO OLD NATURE (SIN) AND RESURRECTED WITH HIM IN THE NEW NATURE (FREEDOM) Rom.6:3-4, 2 Cor.5:17

B. THE OLD NATURE LINGERS ON, TENSION BETWEEN THE OLD & THE NEW SELF. Rom.7:14-25

4. THE PARADOX OF FREEDOM & SLAVERY

We have been set free by God's grace so that we may choose to be slaves to righteousness. 2 Cor.5:21; Rom.6:17 - 18

5. ABRAHAM : THE MODEL SLAVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

A. Unquestioning obedience because of Abraham's faith in God's promises (Gen.12:1 – 3)

B. Deception of Abraham (Gen.12:10 – 20; 20:2 – 18) – righteousness is not based on good moral behaviour only but on faith.(Heb.11)

C. The acid test on Mt. Moriah (Gen.22:1 – 14)

D. God credits Abraham as righteous because of his faith in Him.