

COLOSSIANS

Proclaiming the
Supremacy of Christ

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OUTLINE OF THE MESSAGE

1. Read the passage; listen to what it has to say to you as someone who serves or manages in an office, at home, or in any other setting
2. A brief explanation of slavery in the Roman empire
3. Study what the passage means and how it applies to us

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Bondservants, 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. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Colossians 3:22–4:1

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ROMAN AND AMERICAN SLAVERY

1. Roman slavery was not race-based.
2. Roman slavery was not segregated by class.
3. Roman slaves were considered to be fellow humans.

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REMEMBER YOUR HEAVENLY MASTER

1. Bondservants:
 - Work diligently
 - Work joyfully (with all your heart)
 - Work for the Lord Jesus

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2. Wrongdoing will be judged (v.25)

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“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

2 Corinthians 5:10

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2. Wrongdoing will be judged (v.25)
3. Masters: treat those you manage with fairness, as you want to be treated by your Master Jesus

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