

Ephesians 6:5-9  
"Spirit-filled Slaves & Masters"

**Introduction:** *The Call to Defend the Faith*

- **The opponents of Christianity:** tend to be filled with all kinds of objections to Christianity.
- **One common objection:** "Christianity is narrow-minded and intolerant of other faiths because it proclaims an exclusive salvation that is found only in Jesus."
- **Another common objection:** "The church is filled with hypocrites."
- **An objection we should be prepared for:** "Your Bible does nothing to condemn slavery."

1. **Christians must go about their** \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and  
and with an \_\_\_\_\_.

- **One result of being filled with the Spirit:** The Christian desires to do everything for the glory of Christ.
- **Two arguments for the abiding relevance of our passage:** *Romans 15:4* and *2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- **A great truth that reemerged during the Reformation:** the doctrine of "vocation".

- **Employees and employers:** equal in essence, but different in function
- **All of our work:** should be done with the recognition that the glory of Christ is at stake.

2. **We must recognize** that the Spirit-filled, Christ-centered, and God-fearing \_\_\_\_\_ powerfully impacts the \_\_\_\_\_ in which she finds herself.

- **The commands to believing slaves and masters:** ultimately about bringing glory to Christ
- **The command to obey your earthly masters:** no doubt for the slaves safety and well-being
- **The words "slave" and "slavery":** don't tell us about the conditions of the slavery.
- **Personal Application:**

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