1. It is unthinkable to a true Christian that they would live in disobedience to God’s Law. They love His Law because it is an expression of who He is.
2. True Christians are those who are slaves of righteousness. They have repented of their slavery to sin and put their trust in their new Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. True Christians were once slaves of sin, but have become obedient from the heart to Christ. They know what it means to obey since they are committed to the teaching of the Word of God. They are now slaves to righteousness rather than sin.
4. Before we became Christians, we presented our bodies as slaves to impurity and to more and more lawlessness, but now that we have freedom from sin we now have the power, through the Holy Spirit, to present our bodies as slaves to righteousness. This leads to sanctification, or growing over time to be more and more like Christ.
5. Before we were Christians, we were slaves of sin and we were free from slavery to righteousness. We lived in the way our wicked hearts wanted to. We were not ashamed of our actions then, but we are now. And the final fruit of that slavery to sin was spiritual death. All those who remain in their slavery to sin will face the eternal death of punishment in Hell.
6. Yet those who are trusting in Christ for freedom have been set free from slavery to sin and have now become His slaves. This leads to the fruit of sanctification and the final result of eternal life. Those who are slaves of Christ will passionately seek to obey Him and His Word.
7. The contrast here is between a wage that we earn because of our sin, which is death and punishment from God, and a free gift we cannot earn of eternal life offered to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Application

1. If you do not yet know Jesus, God offers you a choice: Remain as a slave to sin and receive the eternal death of slavery in Hell, or repent of your sins and turn to Jesus, who has accomplished the salvation of all who trust in Him.
2. If you profess to know Jesus and yet do not see the evidence the work of the Holy Spirit freeing you from slavery to sin, plead in prayer with God for mercy so that you might present yourself to Jesus as His slave, a slave of righteousness.
3. If you have been set free from sin and possess assurance that your freedom is real, look around you at the world full of slaves to sin, warn them that the wages of sin is death, and tell them of the hope of freedom in Jesus Christ our Lord.