

YPG II

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Text: Philippians 1, 3

THEME: THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD

### INTRODUCTION OF THE THEME: THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD

1. Follow-Up of the Youth Conference 2013
  2. Deeper study of the Upward Call of God
  3. Discovering many important doctrines and practices that will help us understand the Upward Call of God
  4. Determination to pursue the Upward Call of God
- a) YPG I
  - b) YPG II
  - c) YAG

### THE CONCEPT OF BEING A BONDSERVANT

*“Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ...” Philippians 1:1a*

1. Lexical meaning of the word “bondservant”  
Literal meaning: A slave
2. Theological meaning:
  - a) A dedicated servant of God
  - b) A humble servant of God
  - c) An example of one who chooses to be a servant (Cf. Deuteronomy 15:12-18)

### THEOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT TEXT

Romans 6:15-23

#### 1. An important piece of knowledge

*Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are the that one's slaves whom you obey, whether sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?*

*Romans 6:15*

- a) We become slaves to whatever we present ourselves
- b) If we present ourselves to sin, we become slaves of sin and this leads to death
- c) If we present ourselves to obedience (to God) which leads to righteousness

## **2. Remembering our sinful past**

- a) Once slaves to sin Romans 6:17a
- b) Presented members as slaves of uncleanness Romans 6:19b
- c) Presented members as slaves to lawlessness Romans 6:19c
- d) These lead to more lawlessness/ sinfulness Romans 6:19d
- e) Essentially slaves of sin Romans 6:20a
- f) Fruit of sin? Romans 6:21a
- g) Memories of shame Romans 6:21b
- h) In the end- Death Romans 6:21c

## **3. Appreciating our salvation in Christ**

- a) Obeyed from the heart the doctrine of the message of salvation Romans 6:17b
- b) Delivered from sin Romans 6:17c
- c) Became slaves of righteousness Romans 6:18
- d) Present self as servants of righteousness to have holiness Romans 6:19

## **4. The Upward Call of God**

- a) Set free from sin Romans 6:22a
- b) Become slaves (bondservants) of God Romans 6:22b
- c) Fruit of holiness Romans 6:22c
- d) The end: Everlasting Life Romans 6:22d

### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSES**

*But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.*

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 6:22-23*