

A person's hands are shown in handcuffs, held up in a gesture of surrender or prayer. In the background, a crucifix is visible, symbolizing redemption and freedom from sin. The overall image has a dark, somber tone with a blue and black color palette.

A Change of Servitude

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Things Involved in the Change

- You Obeyed
 - *1 Peter 1:22* Our souls are purified by obeying the truth
 - *1 Pet. 1:13-15* Must be obedient children of holiness
 - *1 John 3:7-8* Righteous known by practice of righteousness
 - *James 4:8* Must cleanse hands (action) & heart (thought)
 - *1 Sam. 15:22; Matt. 7:21; James 1:25; Rev. 22:14*
- From the Heart
 - *Deuteronomy 5:29* Need such heart to fear & obey God
 - *Deut. 6:5, 30:2; Psa. 119:2; Prov. 3:5; Jer. 29:13*
 - *Luke 8:15* Fruit-bearing soil was noble & good heart
 - *Matthew 22:35-38* Love God with all heart (*Eph. 6:5-7*)

Things Involved in the Change

- That Form (Pattern) of Doctrine
 - *1 Cor. 15:1-4* Death, Burial & Resurrection
 - “**Form**” of the gospel seen in baptism → *Romans 6:3-4*
 - *Titus 2:7-8* Life to be pattern of good work as word taught
 - *2 Timothy 1:13* Hold pattern of sound words revealed
- To Which You Were Delivered
 - “**Which**” refers back to the FORM → Baptism
 - Affirms that we are delivered from sin at point of baptism
 - *Acts 2:38*
 - *1 Peter 3:21*
 - Denying necessity of baptism = Denying necessity of the Death, Burial & Resurrection of Christ