

BOND-SERVANT OF CHRIST

Rom.6:16-18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. In order to serve effectively in any capacity, we need to know who we are and what is required of us.
- B. This is especially true of us as servants of Christ
- C. So let's try to determine just who we are and what our purpose is in this life.

DISCUSSION:

I. I AM EITHER A SERVANT OF SIN OR A SERVANT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Rom.6:16-18) NO MIDDLE GROUND (Matt.12:30)

- A. Definition of word servant: "From the Greek word DOULOS which literally means, a slave, a bondsman – one who give himself up wholly to another's will" (Thayer p.158) (a voluntary servitude – indentured)
- B. If I am a servant of sin I am walking in spiritual darkness Col.1:13; Eph.5:8
- C. If I am a servant of righteousness I am walking in spiritual light 1Jhn.1:7; Eph.5:8

II. JUST WHY AM I A SLAVE OF CHRIST?

- A. I am blood bought (purchased) 1Cor.7:20-23; Acts 20:28 1Pet.1:18,19
- B. I have been sanctified (set apart for a special purpose) Heb.13:12 (Note principle of Jhn.2:13-16)
- C. I have enlisted in the Lord's army 2Tim.2:4; (I am in a spiritual battle Eph.6:11,12) (G.I. government issue)
- D. I must live for the one who purchased me 2Cor.5:15

III. NOW THAT I KNOW WHO I AM, WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ME BECAUSE OF WHO I AM?

- A. Walk in the light as children of light Eph.5:8; 1Pet.2:9
- B. I must serve my master in accordance with the principles of truth and right.
- C. Note some things that are involved in this:
 - 1. A pure heart Matt.12:34,35
 - 2. Having a purified soul 1Pet.1:22
 - 3. Thinking on things above Phil.4:8; Col.3:1,2 (Note: we talk about the things we think about)
 - 4. Love not the world 1Jhn 2:15-17
 - 5. Put the body and its lusts to death Col.3:5-10
 - a. Mortify: to kill, deprive a thing of its power, to destroy its strength
 - b. Must use no member of our body against God
- D. In doing this we have the same aims, motives, views of life, and hope that the Lord had.

IV. WHEN I SIN, WHAT DOES IT SIGNIFY?

- A. I am a member of His body, thus when I sin I cause a member of His body to sin 1Cor.6:15-20
- B. I am bound to Christ just like a member of my body is "bound" to me.
 - 1. When a member of my body becomes corrupted by disease, it must be treated, possibly removed
 - 2. If I sin and remain a sinner I must be "cut off" Matt.5:29,30; (Jhn.15:1-6 branches cut off the vine)
- C. However, because of His mercy we can get rid of sin after we have been "bound" to Him 1Jhn.1:7-10

CONCLUSION:

- A. I become a servant of sin when I give in to the desires of the flesh Jas.1:13-15
- B. I can become a servant of righteousness when I desire to obey "that form or doctrine which was delivered" Rom.6:16-18
- C. Our redemption price has been paid and you can be purchased by the blood of Christ.
- D. However, you will not be FORCED to leave the Devil. If you choose to leave the Devil you can be purchased and you must recognize that you are Christ's slave because you have been purchased.