

The Christian's Necessary Pursuit of Holiness (Sanctification)

Part 1

Romans 6:15-23

Introduction

1. God's foundational work in sanctification (6:1-10; 6:2b; Matt.7:16,20. See too 1Jn.3:10)
 2. The Christian's responsibility: Growing in what God has done to sanctify us (Rom.6:11-14)
 1. Christian responsibility (Big picture): Imitate Christ (6:10-11)
 2. Christian responsibility: Use your new freedom (6:11; 1Tim.6:7)
 1. We are free from:
 1. The penalty of sin:
 2. The power of sin:
 2. Live in the light of this reality
Don't hanker after the slavery of Egypt; or, the garbage of the slums of darkness or, build your life around sandcastles on the beach
Live the privileged new life
 3. Christian responsibility: Fight the good fight (6:12; 2Tim.4:7; 2:3; 1Tim.6:12)
 4. Christian responsibility: Pursue righteousness (6:13)
 5. Christian responsibility and God's encouraging promise (6:14)
1. The role of the law and grace (6:15,1,14)
 1. In Rom.6:1
 2. In Rom.6:15 (6:14)
 2. The theme and structure of the passage (Rom.6:16,17,18,19,20,22)
 3. The reason why Paul uses the term "slavery" (6:19a)
 1. The Christian's frequent inability to clearly understand spiritual truth
 2. The term "slavery" was well known to the church in Roman
 4. The radical nature of the term "slavery"
 1. Origin of slaves in Rome
 2. Life as a slave
 5. What we are by nature (Rom.6:16,17,18,19,20,22)
 1. Notice that the world is divided into only two groups (Rom.6:16)
 2. We by nature, are in bondage (slavery) to sin (Rom.6:17,18,19,20,22)
 - 2.1 The ultimate picture of bondage (6:17,18,22,19,20)
 - 2.2 The uniform teaching of Scripture on our natural state (Jn.8:43-44; Gal.4:8; 2Cor.4:4; Col.1:13. See too Eph.2:1-3; 4:17-19; Col.1:21; 2:13; Titus 3:3)

3. What are the consequences of pursuing the world's so-called, "freedom"?
(6:16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23)

1. The world's lifestyle is, "Free from the control of righteousness" (6:20)

2. Bondage (6:16,17,19,20)

3. Shame (6:21)

4. Slavery to impurity, and ever-increasing wickedness (6:19)

5. What benefit (fruit-ESV) did you reap (derive-NASB)? (6:21)

6. The wages of sin is death (6:16,21,23) (Physical and spiritual)

6. How can we be delivered from slavery? (Rom.6:17,18,22,23; See too Col.1:13-14, 21-22; Eph.2:4-5)

1. We cannot free ourselves from slavery to sin, by our own efforts

2. Who can make the spiritually dead free? (Rom.6:17,18,22. See too Eph.2:4-5)

3. How does God make the spiritually dead free? (6:23)

1. Spiritual freedom is a gift from God (6:23)

2. The gift is bestowed because of the Person and representative work of Christ (6:23)

Conclusion