

Romans 6 Who Do You Serve?

11/22/09 - The Exchange

I. Review

II. 6:1-11

A. 6:1-2 The illogical conclusion to the previous section.

B. 6:3-14

1. 6:3-4 **The fundamental change of our nature in Him.** Spidey

- a) **do you not know** - agnostic, ignorant
- b) **baptized** - pickles, fabric (accident!), changed. Past tense.
- c) **into His death** - story of gulf war chaplain. Perfect!
- d) **even so** - great words!
 - (1) Even as Jesus was raised from the dead by the Father and is alive right now, today, we also should be alive, walk (it's verb) in the newness, different-ness, transformed-ness of life (as opposed to still being dead).
 - (2) Do we really get this? PP story about woman from big church who needed marriage help from outside pastor, pastor compared marriage to gospel, woman had never heard that it's not about what we do but what Jesus has done.
- e) There is a tremendous need in the church and the world for a proper understanding of the problem state of humanity, and the significance of the solution God Himself provided. Define the problem and solution.
 - (1) Apart from Jesus we can't experience relationship with God per design, death and Hell (further non-relationship)
 - (2) Solution - payment for sin by Jesus, relationship by means of HS, eternity in relationship w/God.
- f) Do you need Jesus in your Christianity?
 - (1) Do you need His Spirit?
 - (2) Do you need to trust Him with your means?
 - (3) Do you need the absolute authority of His word?
- g) Do we really get what it means to be a Christian, not in terms of what we give but what we get? Read on!

2. 6:5-11 **The need to recognize the fundamental change of our nature in Him.**

a) 6:5-7

- (1) **united together** - planted with, born with, not just similarity of nature, but also experiences. Friends you grew up with. I was born with this face. Gal. 2:20 in a very real sense. Num. 21:4-9. Ppl bit looked for it. Ppl healed knew and could point. Hm.
- (2) Yes, also refers to resurrection, but much more so to our lives now as is the whole point of this chunk.
- (3) **done away with** - rendered inoperative, ineffective.
- (4) **no longer be slaves of sin** - did you know that you were? Again, proper recognition of the problem.

(5) **freed** - word for justified. Not like the old days when they would dig you up and burn you at the stake! Isn't going through Jesus better than earning your way out of it?!

b) **6:8-11**

(1) **dominion** - related word for lord. Jesus is Lord even over death!

(2) **Likewise** - same as **even so**.

(3) **reckon** - count, account, recognize the reality.

(4) **indeed** - really really

(5) **in/through Christ Jesus our Lord** - picked up on that pattern yet? ONLY WAY!

3. **6:12-14 The need to act on the fundamental change of our nature in Him.**

a) **6:12** in light of **5:12-21**

b) **6:13 present** - place by, surrender to

c) **6:14** - not under the law? Do whatever we want? Yes, and no. That misses point entirely. Law has been satisfied. What we do isn't motivated by law anymore, but by love of/from/toward God, by grace. New nature, new motivation.

d) We have a choice now! What are we going to do with that choice? Read on!

III. **6:14-23 The reality of the fundamental change of our nature in Him.**

A. **6:15-20** What you used to do for yourselves, do now for the Lord.

B. **6:21-23**

1. **6:21** Take stock, take a survey.

2. **6:22** Our being in Christ is for now and for eternity. Don't forget about the now part.

3. **6:23 gift** - charisma, same as spiritual gifts. Again, reflects reality of now and eternity.

IV. **Wrap**

A. Do you need Jesus in your Christianity? If you don't, then you don't have the real deal according to Jesus and the Bible.

B. Do you now properly understand the problem and the solution?

C. Do you now recognize that there is supposed to have been a fundamental change of your nature in Him?

D. Have you ever acted on this change? Have you just been looking forward to Heaven, not knowing that you can, you are supposed to be walking in newness of life right now today?

E. Whose slave are you? Who do you serve? Not in theory, in reality. **6:11**.