

Roman 6:19-23 [Read]

- I'd like to hone in a bit on verse 20. "For when ye were servants of sin..."
- What I'd like us to note is that he didn't say IF. "For IF ye were servants of sin..."
- No, Paul assumes that all that have come to Christ were once slaves of sin...
- If you say that you've never been a slave to sin, then you've never been freed. You've never been emancipated.
- Why? Because they who need a physician are they that are sick...
- Do you remember the day that you were loosed from the bondage of sin?
- Do you remember when the shackles fell off and prison doors were open.... You were now free from sin.
- You know I never really felt enslaved on the weight of my sin until the day that Jesus saved me.
- Perhaps for me, I was oblivious to my slavery... When you are born into slavery...
- Perhaps you don't know any different, so slavery doesn't seem so bad.

[Wife testimony re: Islam women...]

- There's no hope... But why would anyone hope for better if they didn't know there was better...
- What reason is there to hope to be saved from despair if you don't know you're in despair...
- ~~Why~~ Why would you ever want to soar to the mountain tops if you never knew a mountain existed?
- Such was the case with me. I knew not the condition of my heart until the day it was revealed...
- I knew not that I was chained + shackled to sin...
- I knew not the great weight of sin that my soul bore... until it was revealed to me...
- I know not how ~~hope~~ utterly hopeless and wretched I was...
- For God had shown me who my true master was. And that I was a servant of sin as Paul says - "For when ye were the servants of sin..."
- I have no problem with this verse...
- I read it and say "Amen!" I remember when I used to be a servant of sin...
- But thank God for that wonderful day that I switched masters.
- I went to Jesus and confessed my sin to him...

- And asked Him to have mercy on me
- And that's what he did. He had great mercy on me
- And I see now, that everything I did before I got saved was sin.....

- Everything I did was for my master... sin
- That's why it doesn't matter how good you are or how good you appear

I told

Peter
said

- It's not what you do, it's who you're working for.

- You can run a leopard all the way into the end zone. And that'll mean absolutely nothing if you're going the wrong way.

- I heard a Greek once say, That righteousness without Christ. Righteousness w/o regeneration is an abomination.

- Righteousness, Good living, Good deeds without Christ is as abominable as Unrighteousness, Bad living & wicked ^{deeds}.



- Religion can take just as far from God as licentiousness & Pictious living. I'm not talking about JW, Catholicism, or Mormon, or Islam, or Hinduism. I'm mean good doctrine, sound doctrine.

- Jesus is not a doctrine, but a person.
- Now I love doctrine. You know I do.

But I love doctrine because it points to a person
- I love doctrine because it teaches me about that
wonderful person I ~~met~~ met that day that I
was lost...

- I love doctrine because it confirms to me what
I learned that day - That Jesus loves me...
& gave himself for me...

- Doctrine teaches me and reminds me that He's
my master now...

- That he is the master of my life and the master
of my destiny now...

✓20 Bring me to verse 21. The destiny of
the lost...

[READ]

There is no hope for the lost... From one end of
the spectrum to the other end there is no hope...

~~There is no hope for the lost...~~ The wicked sinner in open sin like
drunkenness, murder, fornication... things of this
sort... → all the way to the religious in open
deeds of righteousness... All is destined to
death & destruction... if sin be the master...

Math 7: (Prophecy
Cast out devils
wonderful works)

Religion

- There's no alcoholics arguing with God
- There's no formalists arguing with God
- No Homosexuals, murderers, or such arguing with God
- The always thought, perhaps, it's harder for a religious person to get saved than someone who's not.
- Either way, the end is death -- whether you see it coming by your ^{wicked} deeds, or you're blinded to it by your good deeds, the end is death
- Certainty of Doom:

Yes 2) But Now... That was then, this is now!

#1 Holiness - Fruit of deeds → holiness
 Fruit of deeds → holiness
 What is holiness → something
 → separate
 4/8 Communion

- To walk with God?

= Testing: A few steps w/ God..

Before Jesus came, they sacrificed animals to deal with the sinful deed of the past.
 But now we offer ourselves a living sacrifice for the righteous deeds of the future.

#2 The End everlasting life.