

“YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN”

1Cor 6:19, 20

INTRODUCTION:

- A. We live in a very "self" oriented society
- B. Our society does not like the idea that we must be "servants" - that is, that we belong to someone else and must serve them
- C. Generally, our society is only interested in "what's in it for me!"
- D. However, to be a Christian we must rid ourselves of selfishness
- E. Look with me now at three scriptures that show this to be true.

DISCUSSION:

I. "YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN" - BUT GOD'S 1Cor 6:19-20

- A. "You were bought at a price."
 1. Christ came, to ransom us Mk 10:45; 1Tim 2:5-6
 2. Cost blood of Jesus to "redeem" us 1Pet 1:17-19; Rev 5:9
- B. Having been bought, "you are not your own."
 1. Society celebrates personal freedom, for which we give thanks however, personal liberties often handicap us spiritually.
 2. Sins defended by: "It's my body; I'll do what I want with it." i.e. drugs, alcohol, smoking, abortion, etc. etc. Rom 14:7-9; 2Cor 5:14-15
 3. He died for us that we might live for Him! Rom 12:1-2; Mk 8:34-35
- C. "Glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1Pet 2:9; Tit 2:14
- D. Yet personal free will is still maintained
 1. Belonging to Christ, does not imply we lose control over our own actions, as though we were robots.
 2. It would be unnecessary to remind us to use our bodies and spirits in His service if we have no choice. Phil 2:12; Gal 6:4-5; 2Cor 5:10; Rom 14:12

II. "YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN" - BUT EACH OTHER'S 2Cor 8:5

- A. Macedonians gave themselves to Lord, and others ("us" 2Cor 1:1)
 1. We must do likewise - no place for selfishness.
 2. Jesus served others Phil 2:3-7; Lk 22:24-27; Jhn 13:5-14; Jas 2:8; Rom 15:1-3; Matt 25:31-46
- B. Individualism is contrary to function of the body 1Cor 12:12-27

1. Every member is needed - same care for one another - we are emotionally linked Rom 12:3-16;
2. Each member edifies the body. Eph 4:16
3. Honesty among ourselves required Eph 4:25
4. Personal sacrifice if need arises Acts 4:32; 2:44-45
- C. Yet, personal identity is still maintained Acts 5:1-4
 1. Although must be willing to forego personal possessions to relieve brethren, until such is done, based on need, it remains one's own
 2. An evident distinction between the Christian, individually, and the church, collectively 1Cor 12:14, 20, 27
 3. Christians maintain individual responsibilities concerning poverty relief, before such becomes the burden of the church. 1Tim 5:16
 4. Christians maintain individual disciplinary responsibilities before such becomes burden of the church. Matt 18:15-17

III. "YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN" - BUT YOUR SPOUSE'S 1Cor 7:1-4

- A. In marriage, (1+1=1)! Gen 2:21-24; Mk 10:6-8
- B. Whether husband or wife, you are the property of your spouse. 1Cor 7:1-4
- C. Wives are required of God to submit to their husbands 1Pet 3:1, 5; Tit 2:3-5; Col 3:18; Eph 5:22-24
 1. Must do so willingly - scriptures addressed to women
 2. Not one verse addressed to husbands instructs them to enforce wives' submission.
- D. Husbands required to treat their wives better than themselves. Eph 5:25-33 husbands must aspire to example of Christ toward His bride, the church.
- E. Yet each spouse is ultimately responsible to God Eph 5:22; 1Pet 3:1; 1Pet 3:7 ('knowledge' = knowledge of God's will)

CONCLUSION

- A. Do we get the idea? We belong to someone, we can't just do what we want, when we want!
- B. Satan wants you to belong to him Lk 22:31; Jhn 8:44; 2Cor 2:11
- C. If you're living your life for yourself, you belong to Satan and you already have your reward. Matt 6:2, 5, 16
- D. If you desire an eternal reward, live for Him who died for you! Matt 7:21; Rev 2:10

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