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### ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

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### ***Thoughts from our Pastor:***

#### **A Servants Pay.**

*"For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. (21) What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. (22) But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (23) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Romans 6:20 - 23

In this world there are two types of servants, servants of God and servants of Satan. Sometimes a servant of God may serve Satan, but a servant of Satan never serves God. God said, *"For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness."* Why is a servant of sin free from righteousness? It is because a lost person cannot serve God, he is not under righteousness because the lost soul is enslaved to sin. The lost sinner is living in total depravity which means there is no good in the lost soul. Jesus said, *"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."* John 8:34 This means there is no good in a lost soul because the lost sinner is totally controlled by their enslavement to sin and Satan. God said, *"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."* Romans 6:6 The "old man" must have been crucified so that the body of sin might have been destroyed. When Jesus went to the cross, He took our old man with Him, our old nature sinful nature was crucified on the cross with Jesus. A saved soul has the ability to serve the Lord unlike the lost. Jesus Christ took our sinfulness with Him to Calvary and shed His blood to cleanse our sins, therefore releasing us from the curse of sin and the power of Satan. The very reason God calls the lost soul dead is because their inner spirit is dead to God, and God deals with us within our spirit. The reason God calls them dead is because God does not allow them to serve Him in righteousness. Why is this, it is because they are not God's servant, God knows His servants and He allows nothing glorious to come from a lost soul. Paul wrote these words, *"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."* Romans 7:18 Paul always remembered that he was a Jew, he always remembered what he did as a Jew. When Paul said that nothing good was in him, he was speaking of his lost Jewish works. Paul certainly did many wonderful things for God after Jesus saved him. Therefore, Paul wrote these words, *"For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of*

*God. (10) But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." 1 Corinthians 15:9 – 10 Paul recognized that because of his sinful life he never should have been called an Apostle, but no Christian should have ever been saved, that's why it's called grace. Paul also said, "...his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." Paul did not waste the wonderful grace that God had given him, and neither should any Believer in Jesus Christ. How is your service to the Lord, are you wasting God's grace or are you redeeming the time? Since God gave us His blessed grace, we now have the fruits unto holiness, "...and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness...". While the lost soul can only serve the sin they are enslaved too, Christians have been freed from that sin enslavement. The Holy Spirit has given us some new spiritual gifts, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, (23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22 – 23 The lost sin enslaved sinner has none of these, they only have the sinfulness they were born with. The saved soul has a living spirit and new godly fruits to serve God with. We are supposed to use our new spiritual gifts and our living spirit to serve the Lord. "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Galatians 5:24 – 25 Even though we see all God has done for us in Jesus Christ, some still have an issue serving the Lord. Jesus crucified the old flesh for us, God gave us the fruits needed to serve Him, God even commands that we walk in the Spirit, that is the Holy Spirit, that is in God's word. Why are so many Christians having such an issue walking in the Spirit? God even gave us, "...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Eternal life is a gift, our pay as His servants is the rewards, He gives us. Salvation is not a reward, it is not earned, it is a gift, you must work to earn rewards. 1 Corinthians 3:13 - 15 "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. (14) If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. (15) If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." What will your pay be?*

***"Christ must be all!"***

By Octavius Winslow

"Christ is all!" Colossians 3:11

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith!" Hebrews 12:2

We cannot keep our eye too exclusively or too intently fixed on Jesus.

All salvation is *in* Him.

All salvation proceeds *from* Him.

All salvation leads *to* Him.

And for the assurance and comfort of our salvation, we are to repose believingly and entirely on Him.

Christ the *beginning* — Christ the *center* — and Christ the *end*.

Oh sweet truth — to you who are sensible of your spiritual poverty, vileness, and insufficiency, and of the ten thousand flaws and failures of which, perhaps, no one is cognizant but God and your own soul! Oh, to turn and rest in Christ — a *full* Christ — a *loving* Christ — a *tender* Christ, whose heart's love never chills, from whose eye darts no reproach, from whose lips breathes no sentence of condemnation! **Christ must be all!**

***Church Announcements:***

**Our Bible Conference** is almost here, it is Friday night and Saturday September 16 – 17 We have 7 Speakers and lots of singing. Come and join us as the Lord blesses up in Truth and Worship.