

In Christ I Am . . . A Slave

Romans 6:15-23

Neither our public reputation nor our personal perception defines who we are in Christ. The believer's proper view of self (self-worth, self-esteem) must be seen from their position in Christ.

- I. The _____ for sin is great (14-15)

- II. The _____ to sin is clear (1-2a, 15c)

- III. The _____ to sin is deadly (16-17, 23)

- IV. The _____ of sin is life (18-23)
 - A. Our _____ as slaves is different (18)

 - B. Our _____ as slaves is for sanctification (19)

 - C. Our _____ as slaves is everlasting life (20-23)

I will now call to mind my past foulness, and the carnal corruptions of my soul; . . . I was torn piecemeal, while turned from You, the one God, I lost myself among a multiplicity of things. For I even burned in my youth to be satiated in things below . . . with these various and shadowy loves: my beauty consumed away, and I stank in Your eyes . . . I was grown deaf by the clanking of the chain of my mortality, the punishment of the pride of my soul, and I strayed further from You and You let me alone, and I was tossed about and wasted . . . and You held Your peace, and I wandered further and further from You into more and more fruitless seed-plots of sorrows, with a proud dejectedness, and a restless weariness.

- Augustine

As you go on living this righteous life, and practicing it with all your might and energy, and all your time . . . you will find that the process that went on before, in which you went on from bad to worse and became viler and viler, is entirely reversed. You will become cleaner and cleaner, and purer and purer, and holier and holier, and more and more conformed unto the image of the Son of God.

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones