

Morning Sermon September 13, 2015

“Mob Boss Sin? Or will Jesus Win?”

Romans 6:14-23

I. *Dominion, Lordship, and the way, we were –*

1. *We were under sin’s Lordship –*

Κυριεύσει – Kurieusee the Greek word for Dominion in verse :14 is from the same root word that describes Jesus as Lord – kurios verse :23 2962 κύριος kurios {koo'-ree-os}

Meaning: 1) he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord 1a) the possessor and disposer of a thing 1a1) the owner; one who has control of the person, the master 1a2) in the state: the sovereign, prince, chief, the Roman emperor 1b) is a title of honor expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants salute their master 1c) this title is given to: God, the Messiah - “**in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”

Romans 6:23

We were under sin’s Lordship, just like we were “dead” in trespasses and sins –

^{NKJ} **Ephesians 2:1** And you *He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,* ² *in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,* ³ *among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. (Ephesians 2:1-3 NKJ)*

2. *If we are “in Christ” our life is under new management –*

Remember what Jesus did –

^{NKJ} **Romans 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2 NKJ)

3. *What sin did to us, it put us under the curse of the law, what does righteous LAW do to those who BREAK it?*

A. *It rewards those who keep it*

B. *It punishes those who break it*

We are, all of us, in category B – Law Breakers ...

¹⁰ **As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; (Romans 3:10 NKJ)**

²³ **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23 NKJ)**

Sin is like the dirty mob boss, he may promise to get you out of prison, but he (it) will always keep you, on the wrong side of the law.

II. *Jesus set us Free:*

1. *From the penalty of sin, He died on the cross in our place –*

⁶ **... in due time Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5:6 NKJ)**

2. *He also set us free from the power of sin –*

¹⁸ **And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. (Romans 6:18 NKJ)**

III. *Jesus holds the key (to our jail cell door) and a change of clothing, etc...*

for you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:14)

What does “under grace” mean?

1. *Peace with God, access to God, hope of glory, glory in tribulations, Love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit - Romans 5*

2. *Jesus comes to your jail cell door with a change of clothing –*

A. *We are to take off that clothing old Mob boss sin gave us –*

⁸ **But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.**

⁹ **Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, (Colossians 3:8-9 NKJ)**

B. *We are to put on the new clothing Jesus (our New Lord) purchased for us with His blood –*

¹² **Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do.* ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. (Colossians 3:12-14 NKJ)**

These verses represent a new way of being as God’s elect -

Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (1Peter 5:5 NKJ)

Clothing of the same quality of His –

⁴ "You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, (Revelation 3:4-5 NKJ)

IV. *Jesus did not set us free so we could go running back to Mob Boss Sin, this is NOT the way to go –*

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading to death*, or of obedience *leading to righteousness*? ¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more lawlessness*, so now present your members *as* slaves of righteousness for holiness.

1. *If you go running back to Mob Boss Sin, you really are his slave – How do we know that?*

A. *Jesus died for us, washed us in His blood –*

⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (Revelation 1:5 NKJ)

B. *By His grace He provides for all our righteousness –*

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2Timothy 3:16-17 NKJ)

C. *By His grace He has provided even for all our failures –*

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1John 1:8-9 NKJ)
If after all God's goodness toward us we still prefer sin to Christ, what does that say about us? Who are we?

¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading to death*, or of obedience *leading to righteousness*? (Romans 6:16)

Jesus taught the same thing - John 8:31-59

²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. ²⁶ For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses*. ²⁹ Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Hebrew 10:24-31 NKJ)

How do we know the difference from a true believer, who is backsliding, to whom GRACE will abound and a hypocrite, a person who says Lord, Lord, but does not do what Jesus says?

We don't!

Sin should make us cry with David –

¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. (Psalm 51:11 NKJ)

V. *We need to be slave of righteousness –*

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:20-23 NKJ)

Wages vs Gift

Sin vs God

Death vs Eternal Life in Christ Jesus Our Lord

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