

I Am Mine No More

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. "I gotta be me!" or do I?
 - 1. Actually, the Scriptures tell us that, if we are Christians, we are no longer to be "me"
 - 2. but realize that there has been a "change in management"
- B. We sing the songs,
 - 1. "I am mine no more"
 - 2. Gal. 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live..."
 - 3. But do we comprehend all that this entails?
- C. This evening I'd like for us to meditate on this familiar, and yet seldom lingered on reality of the Christian life — I am mine no more

II. INDIVIDUALLY

- A. Let's start by remembering where we started
 - 1. Romans 7:9-11 — "I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died; and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me."
 - 2. We were all once innocent, but deceived by sin to become sin's slaves — Romans 7:14 — "...sold into bondage to sin"
 - 3. But in Christ we have had a transference of ownership — Romans 6:12ff
 - a) v. 13 — "do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness"
 - b) v. 14 "for **sin shall not be master over you**"
 - c) v. 16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, **you are slaves of the one whom you obey**,
 - (1) either of sin resulting in death,
 - (2) or of obedience resulting in righteousness?
 - d) v. 17, 18 — "But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, ...
 - (1) you became **obedient from the heart to that form of teaching** to which you were committed, ...
 - (2) and having been freed from sin, you became **slaves of righteousness**
 - e) v. 19 — For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, **so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.**
 - f) vv. 22, 23 — But now having been **freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.**
 - (1) For the **wages** of sin is death,

- (2) but the **free gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.
4. Slaves at one point to sin with the wages of death, then slaves of righteousness resulting in the gift of eternal life
 5. I AM MINE NO MORE
- B. But transference from slaves to sin to slaves to the Lord was costly —
1. The Scripture refers to it as redemption
 2. 1 Peter 1:18, 19 — “knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, *but with precious blood*, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”
 3. Titus 2:14 — “who gave Himself for us to **redeem** us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own **possession**, zealous for good deeds.”
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- C. And speaking of POSSESSION, this is what it means to be baptized in the name of Jesus
1. “X [**purchased, traded, bequeathed**] *into the name of*” was a common phrase for the transference of property
 2. **Baptized** into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit means ... (into possession of Jesus)
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- D. Died to myself and living to Christ (Christ lives in me)
1. Gal. 2:20 — “**I have been crucified** with Christ; and **it is no longer I who live**, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”
 2. 1 Cor. 5:14, 15 — “For the love of Christ **controls us**, having concluded this, that **one died for all, therefore all died**; and He died for all, so that they who live might **no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.**”
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III. AS HIS PEOPLE

- A. Treasured possession
1. 1Pet. 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
 2. This is what Israel was called in the OT
 - a) Ex. 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my **treasured possession** among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

- b) Deut. 14:2 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for his **treasured possession**, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.
- 3. I AM MINE NO MORE

B. Married to the Lord

- 1. You recognize when you get married that I AM MINE NO MORE
 - a) You belong to her or to him
 - b) Make decisions with them in mind
 - c) You shouldn't flirt with anyone else
 - d) You are yoked together
- 2. So also with the Lord WE ARE OURS NO MORE
- 3. The church is His bride

IV. CONCLUSION

A. I am mine no more

- 1. I've been bought with blood
- 2. Jesus is my Lord, and He rules my life
- 3. He will come again

B. I am mine no more

- 1. Either individually or as God's people
- 2. We are slaves of whoever we obey
 - a) Wages of sin is death
 - b) Gift of God is life
 - c) We must obey the Lord