

Q&A on slavery

Ephesians 6⁵⁻⁹

What to do with a Christian text on slavery



Children's talk: Tidy your room!

Introduction

IS militants publish prices for Christian slaves

Questions

Why doesn't Paul condemn slavery?

Is slavery as legitimate as marriage?

If we can abolish slavery, can we change marriage?

How does this section connect with the marriage & family sections?

How & why does Paul dignify slaves?

How & why does Paul humble masters?

Applications

Christ sanctifies all labour

⇒ It is not what we do, but how we do it ...

Christ looks on the heart

⇒ It is not what is noticed, but what we do ...

Christ rewards our works

⇒ It is not the result now, but the result in eternity ...

Conclusion

Christ IS Lord & Saviour



Questions answered

- What were two main ways in which people became slaves in Biblical times?
- What is a fundamental difference in the origin of slavery as compared to the origin of marriage & the family?
- On what basis is it legitimate to seek to eliminate slavery?
- Why is it not legitimate to seek to redefine marriage?
- What is the connection between this section on slavery and the previous two sections on marriage & the family?
- What was the status of slaves in a believing household?
- How & why does Paul dignify slaves?
- How & why does Paul humble masters?
- How does this passage declare that "Christ sanctifies all labour"?
- What is the most important thing about the work that we do (whatever it is)?
- How does this passage declare that "Christ looks on the heart"?
- What are two ways in which we can be man-pleasers, serving with eye-service?
- Is it true that "Christ rewards our works"?
How is this consistent with salvation by free grace?
- What are some characteristics of the Christian's eternal reward?
- How does this passage manifest Christ as both Lord and Saviour?



Something to pray about (and follow through with)

- What difference is this passage going to make to how you think about whatever work you are faced with tomorrow?
- What can you (individually) or we (corporately) do to seek the freedom of those who are immorally subjected to slavery?