

“You Cannot Serve Two Masters:
The Wisdom of the Fear of the Lord vs The Foolishness of the Flesh” (Part 3)
Romans 8:1-8

- *The distinction(s) between those who are saved and those who are lost:*
 - *Those who are saved show God’s righteousness by continuing to believe the truth of God’s Word, while those who are lost show they are under God’s wrath by sinning and suppressing the truth (Romans 1:17-18). Those who are saved receive eternal life, those that are lost receive eternal wrath and fury (Romans 2:6-8). Those who are saved are justified by faith for the glory of God, those that are lost fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23-24). Those that are saved believe in Christ’s work and are made righteous, those that are lost trust their own works for their righteousness (Romans 4:4-5). Those that are saved are at peace with God, those that are lost are enemies of God (Romans 5:1 & 10). Those that are saved are slaves to righteousness, those that are lost are slaves to sin (Romans 6:17-18). Those that are saved bear fruit for God, those that are lost bear fruit for death (Romans 7:4-5). Those that are saved have no condemnation, those that are lost are condemned in their sin (Romans 8:1).*
- *Either SIN condemns us or CHRIST condemns our sin: What does it mean to be condemned (Romans 8:1-4)?*
 - *Consequence:* Adam’s sin imputed on us vs Christ’s righteousness imputed on us (Romans 5:17-18; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - *Condition:* Being born with a sin nature and as children of wrath vs Being made new in Christ, receiving a new nature (Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:3; Romans 6:22; Ephesians 4:22-24).
 - *Commitment:* Loving to sin vs Loving righteousness (Romans 7:4-5; Romans 1:16-18). *“We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners.” (John MacArthur)*
- *Setting your mind on the flesh (the fool) vs Setting your mind on the Spirit (the wise) (Romans 8:5-8).*
 - *The fool (mind set on the flesh) says there is “No God” to fear. The fool is corrupt, committing sins (Psalm 14:1). The fool does what is right in his own eyes not according to God’s Word (Proverbs 12:15). The fool hates the idea of not sinning and he loves surrounding himself with fools (Proverbs 13:19-20). The fool finds his wisdom superior to God’s wisdom (Proverbs 28:26). The fool is hostile to God, will not submit to God’s Law, and cannot please God (Romans 8:7-8).*
 - *What is the fear of God? The fear of God is to have a reverence for God; it is to take God more seriously than anything else in our lives.*
 - *The wise person knows that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and is what it means to truly live life to its fullest (Proverbs 1:7 & Ecclesiastes 12:13). The wise person knows that growing in the fear of God is how you grow in holiness and sanctification (Proverbs 2:1-5 & 3:7; 2 Corinthians 7:1). The wise person realizes that all of their life must be done in the fear of God (Proverbs 23:17; 1 Peter 1:15-17). The wise person finds life and peace in fearing God (Romans 8:6).*
 - *Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:35; 2 Peter 3:8; Romans 11:34-35; Psalm 33:6-8; Acts 17:24-25; Isaiah 46:10; Proverbs 21:1; Romans 13:1; Matthew 10:29-31; Psalm 99:1-3*

Announcements:

***PRAYER** on Thursdays at 6:20pm and Sundays at 4:30pm before the services!

***Pastor Appreciation in October:** In the month of October we will be collecting a special offering for the Pastoral Staff for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give to that, please put your donation into an offering envelope (on the side of the offering box) and mark on the outside of the envelope: "Pastoral Staff Appreciation" OR give your donation on Venmo, making sure to note it is for the "Pastoral Staff Appreciation."



***Baptism:** If you have any questions about or are interested in being baptized, please talk to Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Chris, or one of the church elders!

***Church Fellowship** on Sundays ONLY, following the service, in the gym! Get your dinner and come back or have your dinner delivered to the church!

***New Members Meeting:** If you are interested in or have any questions about becoming a church member, we will be having a short meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, October 25th (in 2 weeks)!