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WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class
 11:00 AM Morning Service
 Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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10:15 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

B'Days: Melinda C--5th **Nursery Today:** Kris D. **Nursery Thursday:** Carol D.

THE DIVINE CONTRAST

Romans 6: 23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This verse speaks of two very opposite things—eternal death and eternal life. Notice the contrast in the way these two are obtained—death is a wage earned; eternal life is a gift given. Also, notice the contrast from which these two are of—death is of sin; eternal life is of God. Then notice the contrast through whom these two are obtained—death is through the sinner; eternal life is through Jesus Christ our Lord.

His Servants Ye Are to Whom Ye Obey

Beginning in verse 16, the apostle Paul uses the analogy of a master and a servant, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” All men serve one or the other but no man can serve two masters. (Mt 6: 24) Either we yield to sin as our master and are free from righteousness (v20) or we yield to God as our master and are free from sin. (v18) Which one do you serve? May God give grace to answer that question honestly.

The Wages of Sin is Death

Those who yield to sin are the servants of sin. Servants of sin produce only sin, “yielding your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity.” (v19) The final wage sin pays is death of eternal separation from God in the terrors of hell, “for the end of those things is death.” (v21) So sinner, if you go all your days, yielding your members to your master, sin, you will eventually be paid the wage you have rightfully earned for yourself. There will be no one else to blame but you.

But The Gift of God is Eternal Life

Paul said, “But God be thanked!” (v17) Brethren, God alone is to be thanked for God alone made us, who “were the servants of sin,” to obey “from the heart that form of doctrine [the gospel] which was delivered to us.” (v17) What a divine contrast God made by his grace! “Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” (v18) Yielding our members servants to righteousness, our fruit is not sin but holiness (v22), our reward is not a wage earned but a gift given, it is not death but eternal life, and it is not of us but through Jesus Christ our Lord. (v23) Brethren, let us say with Paul, “God be thanked!”

Life or Death

Sinner, which sounds better, life or death? Well, yours is a matter of life or death! Time is short. Put down all else, look up these scriptures, and give diligence to what you are reading and hearing. This is the word of God. “Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.” (Jn 6: 27) Ask God for mercy, to reveal Christ to you, to give you faith in Christ. “He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest (Heb 4: 10-11) “For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

THOUGHTS ON WORSHIP AND PRAISE

In the worship of God and the Christian life, let a man be himself; and the more he keeps to his own nationality, his own personality, and reflects the glory of God in simplicity and truth (not in phony imitation), the more Christ will be honored and glorified. Praise God in misplaced words, oh humble farmer, but don't try to approach Him in the robes of “put-on!” He looks on the heart. Henry Mahan

THE ARMINIAN GOSPEL

Brothers and Sisters, I have been studying the Word of God for almost forty years. I was born and raised in an Arminian household. I believed the Arminian gospel. I imagined everybody does. When God converted me, I began to read the Holy Scriptures for myself, and the more I read, the more I saw, and see, the poor Arminian has no gospel—no good news—at all. His gospel is a sham and a shame and leaves a poor sinner hopeless and helpless.

The Arminian says the eternal purpose of God is based upon man's free will and choice. If one ask what's wrong with such a gospel I answer it this way: it starts at the wrong place. The Scriptures began with God: “in the beginning God.” Before man had a being, there was the Eternal, Triune God. The Arminian begins with man and his power and abilities to do something. Such a gospel deifies man and humanizes God. God becomes subject to man—man's will and choice. It makes God a beggar, a bystander, as it were, pleading and hoping somebody will decide to accept Jesus into their hearts and lives. But God, in fear of violating their free will, can do nothing until man first acts. God's whole purpose, according to them, is utterly dependent upon man's unstable and changing will.

They tell us that Jesus Christ has done no more for those on their way to heaven, than for those who are now in hell. They tell us of a Savior who does not save, a redemption that does not redeem. They don't tell us of an everlasting salvation that is in the Lord, but of a probation. Their gospel is nothing but a system of works, human merit, goodness and power.

Mr. Spurgeon said, “You can have such a gospel, you are welcome to it, and I hope you keep it to yourself.” Bruce Crabtree