For Your Sake, He Became Poor

Tony Mauck · 2 Corinthians 8:9

INTRODUCTION

- The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower becomes the lender's slave. And that got me to thinking about how Jesus provides our collateral, and we become his slaves.
- For your sake he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.
- A financial indebtedness that caused you to become someone's slave to work off that debt.

1 The Impeccable Character of the Slave Owner

1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Philippians 4:6–7

- If you are going to be enslaved to someone, this person is ideal in contrast to any other slave owner who has ever existed.
- Isn't it awesome to be enslaved to the most perfect person who has ever lived?
- God would have all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. He doesn't just care about people, he cares about all people.
- Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.
- Our owner gives us an audience whenever we need it, whenever we want it.
- Everyone who rejects that relationship ultimately finds themselves in the prodigal son predicament.

2 The Blessed Life of Enslavement to Christ

Romans 6:16–23; Philippians 4:7

- They're not taking away anything from us. They are instead giving to us rather generously, rather lavishly.
- Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey. Either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness.
- It is either slaves of sin or slaves of righteousness and slaves of Christ.
- You have been set apart now for the Lord's superior purposes for your life. And that's a benefit.
- Fellowship with God, fellowship with his people, assistance, assurance.
- In every circumstance in life, there is a prescription, there is a principle for me to pursue in that matter.

3 The Exalted Consequence of Indebtedness to Him

1 Corinthians 3; 1 Timothy 6:17–19

- When you're indebted to someone else as their slave, and the debt is paid, you're done.

- The nature of slavery to Christ is different. Because at the end of it's not just the debt that is paid, but you become rich.
- The kind of wealth Jesus makes available to us is hard for our minds to fathom.
- Even when we've done all that we've been commanded to do, our condition before God is still unworthy slaves.
- Fix your hope on God. Who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.
- There is a sense in which we as Christians need to be flaunting our wealth.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you truly rich in Christ as one of his slaves?

MY NOTES