

"You Gotta Serve Somebody"

Romans 6

1.) The first step in being transformed into the image of God is being aware of our brokenness! V1-2

- A. We need to be careful of cheap grace!
 - o *11 Does a spring pour forth from the same "23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."-- Psalm 139-23-24*
- B. We need to get to the point where our sin is so repulsive that we can no longer stand it.

2.) The second point of being transformed into the image of God is dying to ourselves! V3-7

- A. Paul is talking to believers!
- B. We can't take the benefits of the Cross and leave the responsibility and blessed hope that comes with it behind!
- C. Therefore we are no longer slaves to sin!

3.) The third step of being transformed into the image of God is to come alive in Christ! V 8-14

- A. It is taking off the old man and putting on the new man.

"22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."-- Ephesians 4:22-23

- B. Sin is no longer our master, but we are to offer ourselves to God!

4.) The 4th Step to being transformed into the image of God is to become slaves to righteousness! V 15-19

- A. We do it because we are now set free by the blood of the lamb!
- B. We do it because we represent Christ!
- C. We do it because why would we go back?

5.) The 5th Step to being transformed into the image of God is you remember what Jesus has saved you from! V 20-23

- A. We once were slaves to sin leading to death!
- B. Christ has freely laid down his life for us!
- C. Now we can choose to freely serve Him leading to life or choose our old life leading to death!

Closing Questions

- 1.) How has Christ been transforming your life?
- 2.) Are you no longer a slave to sin and shame?
- 3.) Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through your life to bring about the newness that Christ desires for you?