Lesson 6

"A NEW MASTER"

(A Change in My Allegiance)

Who gives the orders, the general or the soldier? Who leads the company, the president or the common laborer? Who guides the class, the teacher or the student? Who calls the plays, the coach or the team members? In all of life there exists the necessity for someone to lead and others to follow, someone to be in authority, and others to be in submission. Above all relationships, this principle is true between Christ (the Master) and the Christian (the servant).

In this lesson, we will learn what it means to follow Christ -- our Lord!

WHO IS MY MASTER?

The Lord Jesus said: "No man can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24).

1. The Christian has only <u>one</u> Master. Who is He? (Matthew 23:8-10)

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2. Who did the Apostle Paul serve? (Romans 1:1) __

3. Everyone lives for something. According to God, what did you serve ("live for") before you were saved? (Romans 6:17)

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4. Now that you have been "set free" from the old slave master ("sin"), whose servant did you become?

(Romans 6:18) _____

(Romans 6:22) _____

5. Romans 6:23 shows the great difference between your old master and your new Master. What did you deserve to be paid by your old master (sin)? _____

[Note: The word "death" refers to physical death (Romans 5:12), spiritual death (Ephesians 2:1, 5), and eternal death (Revelation 20:14-15; 21:8).]

However, what did your new Master (God) freely give you?

(Romans 6:23) _____

6. God has been so good to you. Because of His mercy toward you, what should you give to Him? (Romans 12:1)

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7. The Lord deserves our best. When you give yourself to Him, what type of "sacrifice" should you be? (Romans 12:1)

a)_____b)__
_____c)_____

8. What type of "sacrifice" should you not be? (verse 2) __

9. To give your body to God as a "living sacrifice" means to totally surrender (or hand over) your life to Him. It means to recognize that He is the Lord and Master of your life and that you are His obedient servant. Such surrender is called "dedication." Are you willing to dedicate yourself to obeying God? _____

To really answer that question, ask yourself: "Am I willing to give up (or stop doing) anything in my life that is not pleasing to God?" "Am I willing to change anything in my life that God's Word tells me to?" "Am I willing to do whatever God asks of me?" _____

10. Besides the fact that God has been merciful to you, what are some other reasons why you should be willing to do anything God says? (I Corinthians 6:19-20)

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If you are a true Christian, you are not your own Master. The reason is simple: God bought you, and because of this you belong to Him.

11. What price did God pay to purchase you? (I Peter 1:18-19)_

If you have not done so already, now would be the right time to bow your head and tell God something like this: "Lord, I realize that You bought me with Your blood. You own me. My life is Yours. I want You to control my life from this time on. I am willing to do whatever the Bible says - Amen."

WHAT DOES MY MASTER WANT ME TO DO?

Read the verses below and determine what God's priorities are for your life.

1. What should be "first" in your life?

   Mark 12:29-30 - __

   Matthew 6:33 - __

   No one who loves the Lord, and wants to put Him first should be ashamed of Him (Luke 9:26). Rather we should be willing to confess Him publically before others (Romans 10:9; Matthew 10:32)

   * The Bible teaches that the believer's first step of public obedience is to follow the Lord's command to be baptized.

2. Who commanded baptism? (Matthew 28:18-20) __

3. In Whose Name are you to be baptized?

   (verse 19) _____ __

4. After the Apostle Peter preached about God's salvation, how did the people respond to his message before being baptized? (Acts 2:41)

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5. What did the people do before being baptized in Acts 8:12?_
   [Note: The Bible clearly teaches that one must be a believer in Christ before being baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 8:37, 10:47-48, 18:8). The Bible does not teach infant baptism.]

6. Are you a believer? _____

   If you are a believer, you can show your faith by being baptized. Baptism is an outward expression of an inward

change. It is a picture or symbol of your spiritual union and oneness with Christ (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12). Baptism is God's way for you to show your faith in Christ and your desire to follow Him for the rest of your life. Believer's Baptism is the **first step of obedience** for the Christian.

Read Acts 8:26-39.

7. Whom did the Eunuch need to learn about and believe in before he was baptized? (verses 35-37)

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8. The word "baptized" simply means to be immersed (submerged) under water. What evidence for immersion do you see in these verses?

Verse 38 - _____

Verse 39 - _____

[Note: "Sprinkling" or "pouring" is not the Biblical mode of baptism.]

9. After becoming a believer and being baptized, the Eunuch went on his way with what attitude? (verse 39) (compare also Acts 16:33-34)

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10. Would you be willing to take this first step of obedience and show your allegiance to your new Master, Jesus Christ? __