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Are You Marked?

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MATTHEW 10:16-20

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be **shrewd** as serpents and **innocent** as doves.

THOUGHT

In your pursuit of wisdom, don't lose
your innocence!

MATTHEW 10:16–20

¹⁷ But beware of men, for they will hand you over to the courts and scourge you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

MATTHEW 10:16-20

¹⁹ But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

OF QUESTIONS

The right answer to the wrong question
is always wrong.

MATTHEW 22:15–22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Him in what He said.¹⁶ And they *sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and do not care what anyone thinks; for You are not partial to anyone.

MATTHEW 22:15–22

¹⁷ Tell us then, what do You think? Is it permissible to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, “Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax.” And they brought Him a denarius.

MATTHEW 22:15–22

²⁰ And He *said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” ²¹ They *said to Him, “Caesar’s.” Then He *said to them, “Then pay to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² And hearing this, they were amazed; and they left Him and went away.

QUESTION 1

What belongs to God?

1 CORINTHIANS 6:20

For you have been bought with a price:
therefore glorify God in your body.

QUESTION 2

Whose Face is on You?

LEVITICUS 19:2

“Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.’

DEFINITION

Holy: exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:7

For God has not called us for impurity,
but in sanctification.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let's cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

EPHESIANS 4:1-3

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

GALATIANS 6:11-18

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! ¹² All who want to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

GALATIANS 6:11-18

¹³ For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they want to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

GALATIANS 6:11-18

¹⁵ For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And all who will follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

ARE YOU MARKED?

The Apostle Paul bore in his body marks, for his faith in Christ. He was beaten and tortured for his faith.

Are we willing to be marked for Christ; marked with holiness; branded as a bond-servant of Christ?