

Real Reparations

Real reparations involves the slave making a determination to stay with and serve the master forever because he is indebted to the master for all the blessings he has experienced.

Do we recognize all that we owe Jesus Christ, our Master?

IV: _____ Surrendered: v6

When the slave desired to stay with his master then the master would publicly bring him before judges and a ceremony involved piercing the slave's ear with an aul would be performed. This was an symbol that the slave now belonged to the master forever.

His surrender required...

A. _____

B. _____

Real reparations involves the slave saying to the master, to the witnesses, to the judges, and to the world, both by way of action and declaration ... *"I will serve my master forever. I will agree to set aside my own desires for life and willfully submit in unconditional obedience and service to my master. And by way of this ceremony, I am trusting the master to take care of my every need permanently.*

Have you paid your reparations to your Master?



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Ex. 21: 1-6

We are hearing a lot about reparations being paid to the families of former slaves. While there is no doubt that slavery has left an ugly scar on our nation's history, there is also no doubt that the idea is politically motivated and a horrible idea for the overall health of our nation.

Believe it or not, however, there is slavery and reparations found in the Bible. The difference being that man's idea of reparations involves the master giving back to the slave for mistreatment but God's idea of reparations is the slave giving himself to the master for all that the master has done for him.

This morning, as we look at the Biblical topic of reparations, we find Christ and we find four things that distinguish Biblical reparation as real reparations.

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I: _____ **Made:** v5

In God's design of slavery the slave had to determine for himself that he was willing to give up his liberty to serve the master. It wasn't forced but rather it was the slave's decision. The question then becomes ... *why would he do it?*

A. _____

Lev. 25:39-40 ... **39 And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant: 40 But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubile.**

B. _____

In some cases, a thief could make restitution by a period of service. This was important because sometimes people stole food just because they were hungry.

So a person would willfully enter into slavery by their own choice because they were determined to make a new start and slavery guaranteed them a new start under the Law.

What a beautiful picture of salvation!

1 John 4:19 ... **We love him, because he first loved us.**

Christ first determined to come and die for our sins so that humanity could determine to receive eternal life through His work on the cross and there is no choice that is more important than receiving Jesus as your Savior.

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II: _____ **Declared:** v5

The law for slavery guaranteed a ... _____ because it set a limit on the length that a person could be a slave. Six year was the appointed time and on the 7th year the slave had to be set free.

However, there was _____ exception to this rule. The law allowed the slave to choose to remain a slave of the master. Legally, he was free to go but if he chose to stay he was committing himself as a slave to his master forever.

Romans 6:16-18

Real reparations does not say to Jesus ... "*you owe me*" ... but rather it declares its devotion to Jesus by saying *I love you, and I'm devoting myself to you because of your devotion to me!*

III: _____ **Acknowledged:** v3-5

According to the Law, if the slave was married when he began his servitude then after the 6 years the family could go free. However, if the slave was single when he became a servant and the master blessed him by giving him a woman to marry and they had children then both the wife and children belonged to the master. And the man could either leave alone or he could stay. Why would he stay?

A. He recognized his _____ came from the master

B. He recognized he was _____ to the master
