July 1/2, 2017 Romans 6:23

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 6:23 We either belong to and serve sin (as God defines it), or we belong to God and serve righteousness. There is no in-between position.
- 2) *6:23* Spiritual death is earned; it is compensation for a rejection of God's standard of righteousness.
- 3) *6:23* Eternal life is a free gift, not a reward for services rendered (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- 4) *6:23* God sets the standard for righteousness. Rejection of God's standard is considered rebellion (Genesis 2:17).
- 5) For a judge to deliver indisputable, just verdicts, the following requirements are needed:
 - infallible judge
 - · authority to back up the verdict
 - standards that are unquestionable
 - comprehensive knowledge of all details (Revelation 20:11; 2 Samuel 22:31; Deuteronomy 32:4)
- 6) Nothing compels God to act justly. Justice is His very nature.
- 7) *Revelation 20:12* Those who will be judged according to their deeds are those who did not believe in Jesus. Those who belong to Jesus will not be judged...they have been forgiven!
- 8) Heaven is an actual place, not a state of spiritual consciousness.
- 9) *Revelation 21:4* Heaven is so dramatically different than anything we know that it must be described using negatives (no death, no pain, no tears).
- 10) *Revelation 21* God is a God of beauty...He lavishes His beauty on the city that He is preparing for you (John 14:2).
- 11) *Revelation 21:22* As long as there has been sin, there has been a need for a temple/church. In eternity, there will be no need for a place of worship because Life will be worship.
- 12) *Revelation 22:3* The removal of the curse brings an end of sorrow, pain, and especially death.
- 13) *Revelation 22:3* Eternity will not be a time of eternal idleness or uselessness; rather every person will be involved in service to God.
- 14) *Revelation 22:4* His name on our foreheads is a seal as proof of ownership.