

Marks for the Master

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Introduction

1. Galatians 6:17
2. These marks that Paul is discussing might be literal 2 Corinthians 11:24-25
3. The word "marks" is from a Greek word that means "to prick, to stick, to sting."
 1. Slaves had the names or stamp of their owners on their bodies
 2. Soldiers had marks of battles
 3. Devotees also stamped upon their bodies the names of the god they worshipped.
 4. We mark cattle with the owners mark
4. We are all marked in some way.
 1. Speech
 2. Mannerism
 3. Stripes prisoner or military (sergeant)
5. We mark our material goods, so that if stolen we can identify them
6. What marks might we have to identify us as a Christian

II Discussion

1. The marks of the master
 1. They may be literal marks as Paul's marks were
 2. Others will be seen and read, they are not literal but may be spiritual in nature
 1. Being the salt of the earth Matthew 5:13
 2. Being the light of the earth Matthew 5:14
 3. Loving each other John 13:34-35
 4. Obedience Matthew 7:21, 12:50; Romans 6:17
 3. We can see these marks are not superficial but still true marks that can be observed by others, in the true servant of God, true lovers of God.
2. Do we bear the marks of the master?
 1. Many today make Christianity popular, agreeable and convenient
 1. You send money to them, and they send you ever and you will receive a physical blessing, Cadillac , money, job
 2. Let's all agree to disagree
 3. Popular doctrine but wrong. End time, church of your choice
 2. Jesus told us what being His servant would be like
 1. It is a pilgrimage not a picnic 1 Peter 2:11
 2. It is a fight not a frolic John 15:18-19; 17:14-16; 2 Timothy 3:12
 3. These marks of the master are not self inflicted, a certain kind of clothing, or a certain kind of haircut, but they are a way of life, which others can see who is our master.
3. We do bear the marks of what enslaves us
 1. Red eyes, slur speech may indicate we are enslaved to drugs
 2. A business man with unprincipled attics tells us he is enslaved to money
 3. Not all that enslaves us is visible adultery, lust, false teaching, hobby riding.
 4. We are to bear the marks of The Master!

III Conclusion

1. What marks or scars do we carry that witness that we have fought battles for Him?
2. We must be enslaved to Him to bear His marks. Romans 6:16-18; 1 Peter 4:16
3. Are we, that are enslaved to Him, where we can bear His marks?
4. This would be at the front of the battle.

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