

# Mastered By

## Introduction:

### Scripture: 2 Peter 2:19-22

<sup>19</sup> They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for "people are slaves to whatever has mastered them." <sup>20</sup> If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. <sup>21</sup> It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. <sup>22</sup> Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit,"<sup>[a]</sup> and, "A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud."

## Body:

### I. Prophets and Teachers.

- Given what they needed pertaining to Godliness Verses 20-21
- Heard and responded to the truth for a better way of life
- Given to works of the Lord

### II. The Lure of Sin (Verse 19a)

- Temptations of Christ
  - Stone to bread ....Satisfy yourself
  - Cast yourself down ...invincible
  - Kingdoms of the world will be yours
- Eat, drink, and be merry
- Fall away from the truth
- Thought highly of themselves and their position

### III. Their Choice (2 Peter 2:1-18)

- They choose the way of sin
- Defiled
- Turned away from God

#### **IV. The result of their choice (2 Peter 2:19b)**

- It enslaves
- Played with the fire and got burned
- Right now my heart hurts for people of this congregation who have made the same choice
- By this point Satan has such a hold that they are overcome  
They are only at the mercy of a redeemer .....who has already come and redeemed them once.

#### **V. The Nature of their choice**

- Dog returns to vomit
- Eat again the very thing that made him sick
  - People are often that way.
  - Many is the time just like this dog that we return and partake of the very sin, time and time again, that made us sick to start with.

#### **VI. The choice God wants us to make**

- Turn away from sin
  - Romans 6:14 "For sin shall not be your master...."
  - Sin is not to overcome us
    - He knows sin will destroy us
    - Un-repented sin is a sin unto death

-God wants to be our master.

-Romans 6:15-18 "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are the slaves of the one whom you obey, either sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

- \*This is a different kind of slavery
  - Willing commitment
  - Awl through the ear
  - \*Not one of bondage.....of freedom

-God tells us:

-1 John 2:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If you love the world, love for the Father <sup>[a]</sup> is not in you. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful people, the lust of their eyes and their boasting about what they have and do—comes not from the Father but from the world.

-God wants us to pursue holiness

-Walk in the ways of righteousness

-Remain steadfast

-Don't give up or give in

-Temptations will come

-Satan is also the tempter

-Plotting on us

-seeking whom he may devour

-But 2 Peter 2:9 “The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation”

-1 Cor 10:13 -Common

-Not tempted beyond what you can bear

-Way out

\*If we keep Him in view

### **Conclusion:**

My heart is grieved at brothers and sisters in Christ who I think often times decide what harm can one little sin cause, and ending up a slave in sin. A slave so tightly chained, and under such bondage that they reach a point where they don't even want to talk with Christians.

Sin is a willing choice 1 Cor. 10:13 says God will not allow us to be tempted beyond our ability to say no.

Please think about your choices

Its more than we can bear to see a fellow Christian snatched away from us by Satan.

It could happen to us!

Be on guard.