

## 21T15 Who Owns You?

Hello my friends. Thanks for joining me at the PUNLA coffee table. So, get your coffee or tea and Get comfortable so we can talk.

Before we start. If anything I say today is useful to you, it proves God can use even a person like me. If what I say is folly, then that's all me. I'm human and I am flawed.

So, I'm sure my title has offended many of you. Who Owns You? Until the last couple of hundred years, this would not have been such a controversial question. Until the rise of the United States in 1776, the concept of democracy was not widely known. Most countries where some form of a dictatorship. Kingdoms with Kings in charge. People who lived in a kingdom called the leader, the king or Lord. The word lord is defined as "someone or something having power, authority, or influence; Master or Ruler.

A King or a Master or a Lord, these are interchangeable terms essentially. These have authority and control over their subjects.

So let me ask you again in a softer way. Who is your master? Who is your Lord? Who are you subject to?

I'm sure most of you said no one. But is that really true. You might say I control my life. Nobody tells me what to do. But that is a lie. I'll use myself as an example. I'm master over my pets, I own them. Whatever I tell them, they must do or face consequences. I'm master of my household. If I want to knockout a wall, then I knockout a wall.

I'm a father to my children. I'm their master. They have to do what I tell them to do or face the consequences. And I can go on.

I'm a subject as well. Don't laugh but my wife is my master. She owns me. Our marriage contract purchased me. I have to do what she tells me to or face the consequences.

I'm a subject of the state of Texas. I live in Texas. I'm a citizen of Texas, that makes me a subject of the state of Texas. The State Government is my Master. If I don't do what they tell me to do, then I face the consequences. They can take my money, my property, my children and even me. They can put me in prison which takes away my freedom if I don't do as they tell me. They even have the authority to put me to death if I break certain rules.

I'm a subject of the United States of America. I live in the United States of America. I'm a citizen of the United States which makes me a subject of the United States of America. The U.S. Government is my Master. If I don't do what they tell me to do, then I face the consequences. They can take my money, my property, and even me. They

can put me in prison which takes away my freedom if I don't do as they tell me. They can force me into their direct service. They used to call this the Draft for military service. They even have the authority to put me to death if I break certain rules.

Whichever master has the greatest authority is your owner. They ultimately decide what happens to you. As long as you live and work within their boundaries, you probably won't feel their control but it is there none-the-less.

So, let me ask you again. Who Owns You? Did your answer change? Did your distain for my question change?

The real question for each of us is. Who is our greatest authority? Then that is who owns you.

Every human gets to choose, who their greatest authority is. You can choose another human or humans, or you can choose the highest authority God.

Now remember like it or not, for most of us, many people have authority over us. And each "master", person or institution have the authority to take or give things, to or from us. Remember all institutions whether government or private companies are run by people.

So let me answer the question for me. I'm owned by Jesus. Why He bought me. Galatians 3:13 (NKJV) **[13Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us \(for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"\), or Acts 20:28 \(NKJV\) Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.](#)**

And there are many others. Jesus redeemed us which means He purchased us. If you are a follower of Jesus, He owns you. Everything you are, everything you have is now the property of Jesus. Full disclosure, Jesus owns everything anyway, He made everything, He owns everything including you. When we become a Christian we are surrendering our rebellion to the King. If you are not following Jesus the King of Kings, then you are in open rebellion against King Jesus.

There are only two sides in this. Follower of Jesus who is surrendered to Christ and as such giving the gift of eternal service to the King or you are an enemy of Christ and as such you will be forced to acknowledge the King and will be punished along with all the Kings enemies.

WE have to choose. Someone is your King, choose wisely. I choose the highest authority to be my King. And the best news of all, this King of Kings is invited us to sit at His table as one of His adopted children. With all the benefits and privileges of a prince or princess. I like the language in the NLT Ephesians 1:5 **[5God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is](#)**

*what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Or 2 Corinthian 6:18 (NKJV) And I will be your Father, and **you will be my sons and daughters**, says the LORD Almighty.”*

So yes. Jesus owns me. And yes, I am a son of God. I am a prince in the kingdom of God.

**Let us pray.**

**Heavenly Father, thank you for accepting me as one of your children. Even though I was in open rebellion against You, you made a way for me to be forgiven of my rebellion and brought home to live with you.**

**I am your subject. I will live this life as a prince in the Kingdom of God. Your will be done on earth because you are King. My King.**

**We pay in your name Jesus, Amen.**

Thank you for joining me at the PUNLA Coffee Table. If you liked the message, please click like. And Please Subscribe to our channel. Leave comments here, or on our website or email me.

See you next time at the PUNLA Coffee Table. God bless.