

Who Are We Without God?

- Romans 6:15-23 -

- A. "God created us for himself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Him" – Augustine (354-430 A.D.)
- B. "Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his Maker?" (Job 4:17)
- C. God created us to be in fellowship with Him and close to him. If we fail to see that, we will forever be restless and unsatisfied.
- D. Who we are without God is _____. God is the only one who can fill the _____.
- E. Illustration: **Matt 12:43-45**. An evil spirit is cast out, but it returns because the emptiness in the house is not replaced with good
- F. In the absence of God, people will look for something else to fill the vacuum. What will you use to fill the void?

1. _____ (Ecclesiastes 5:10-17)

- A. Does money satisfy and fill the emptiness? If it does, why did a rich ruler (**Lk 18:18-30**) ask Jesus "what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
- B. God created you to want Him, not for the want of more money.
- C. _____ is that other god people often have in place of God. It is "_____"
(**Eph 5:5; Col 3:5**). If we serve that god (money). It will be tell us when to wake up, when to go to bed, and the driving force of what we do.
- D. Notice this is **Job 31: 24-28**. Job refused to make his wealth his trust. God was his security (**Job 1:21**)...
- E. **Ecc 5:10-17** says wealth will never satisfy the emptiness.
- F. Listen to the story of Amaziah, king of Judah, in **2 Chron 25**. Do not base your future on your money, but on God.

2. _____ (Ecclesiastes 2:10,11)

- A. Solomon enjoyed every means of pleasure, but none of it satisfied the _____ of his soul
(**Ecc 2:1-11**)...
- B. Moses realized "the pleasures of sin" were only for a _____ (Hebrews 11:23-26)...
- C. God created you have pleasure in Him, not the pleasures of this world. People who take pleasure in drugs, alcoholic drinking, smoking, gambling, dancing, divorce, immoral movies and words, is that better for you than God? People will never be satisfied with pleasure, but will be satisfied with God.

3. _____ (Gen 2:18-25)

- A. People marry to fill an emptiness, but what if those in marriage lack a relationship with God. Will marriage satisfy?
- B. If God is left out of any relationship, do not expect that relationship to be satisfying...

4. _____ (Ecc 4:13-16)

- A. Illustration: The Pharisees (**Matt 23:5-12**)