

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Christianity and Slavery

Lesson 36

5/24/20

Take some time to think through the things we talked about in our last lesson and review your notes. Then briefly answer the review questions below.

1. Why is it incorrect to attribute the institution of slavery to the Jews or Christians?
2. What role did slavery/bonded servanthood play during the era of the patriarchs and in ancient Israel?
3. What are some differences between slavery in ancient Israel and the chattel slavery in the antebellum South in the United States?
4. What were some aspects of Mosaic Law that helped to ensure that slaves were not mistreated?
5. Why did the church not call for a ban on slavery in the Greco-Roman world or even to the freeing of all their slaves?
6. What aspects of early Christianity served to elevate the status of slaves within the Greco-Roman world?
7. How can we account for the eventual demise of the institution of slavery in Western civilization by the middle of the Medieval era?
8. What are some arguments against the attempt to justify slavery from the bible by some American Christians?
9. What was the most helpful thing you learned in this lesson, or was perhaps particularly new or interesting to you?