



Surrender

“Surrender” is a word that is often associated with conflict and war. It connotes defeat. Who would want to surrender?

Though the term “surrender” is seldom used in the Bible, there are numerous allusions in church music to the personal act of surrender.

“Take my life and let it be...”

“Have Thine own way, Lord...”

“Take Thou our minds, dear Lord...”

Jesus says that surrender to Him is wise, and good, and beneficial. He invites us to do so.

“...whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:39) N.I.V.

What does the surrendered life look like?

The New Testament often uses the metaphor “slave” to picture the surrendered life. I noticed that one of the later Bible translations substituted “servant” for the word “slave,” possibly because of the unhappy modern day associations with the word “slave.”

I was thinking that “slave” is a more fitting word for picturing the surrendered life. We surrender our entire self to God and place all our trust in Him. Maybe I should send a letter to the Bible translators to ask them to strike the word “servant” and restore the word “slave.”

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