

THOU ART THE POTTER!

INTRO.:

- A. Read the text: **Rom. 9:20-23**.
- B. Regarding the text: We are made vessels of honor or dishonor; it is our choice.
 - 1. **Isa. 64:8; Jer. 18:1-6; Gen. 2:7**.
 - 2. **Job 33:6** "... I also am formed out of the clay."

DISCUSSION: GOD IS THE POTTER.

I. HE MOLDS US THROUGH HIS WORD.

- A. Vessel = an implement; to assist in an accomplishment (**2 Tim. 2:21**).
 - 1. Meet = Helpful; usable.
 - 2. **Gen. 2:18**.
- B. God's word molds us into profitable servants.
 - 1. **Eph. 1:4-5; Eph. 2:10**.
 - 2. **2 Tim. 2:21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17**.
- C. Men will either submit or rebel. The choice is ours!
 - 1. **Josh. 24:15**.
 - 2. **Rom. 11:21-23**.
 - 3. **Matt. 16:25**.

II. SOME ARE VESSELS OF DISHONOR.

- A. They refuse to submit to God's hands (His will).
 - 1. Many love the world (**1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim. 4:10** Demas...).
 - 2. **Matt. 7:21** "Not everyone that saith..."
 - 3. **Luke 6:46** "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord..."
- B. God wants all mankind to be saved.
 - 1. **1 Tim. 2:4-5**.
 - 2. **2 Pet. 3:9; Mark 16:15-16**.
- C. Sometimes the clay needs reshaping.
 - 1. When we become scarred, we can be resurfaced.
 - 2. **Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 1 John 1:7, 9**. The clay can become marred but then reshaped.
 - 3. **Acts 8:22** Repent and pray to be forgiven.

III. WE CAN BE VESSELS OF HONOR.

- A. Those who submit to God's hands (obey His will).
 - 1. **John 14:15; 15:14**.
 - 2. **Rom. 12:1-2**.
 - 3. **Col. 3:1-4**.
- B. Vessels of honor glorify the potter.
 - 1. **Matt. 5:16**.
 - 2. **1 Pet. 4:16**.
 - 3. **Phil. 1:20**.

IV. CONCLUSION: HAVE YOU SUBMITTED TO GOD?

- A. If you have not submitted to God, why wait?
- B. The alien sinner must, Hear the word **Rom. 10:17**, Believe **Heb. 11:6**, Repent **Lk. 13:3**, confess **Rom. 10:9-10**, Be baptized **Acts 2:38**, remain faithful **Rev. 2:10**. Those in Christ must repent, confess and ask for forgiveness **1 John 1:9**.