

Lesson # 1 -- Jesus Christ Our Deliverer.

Introduction

- A. The theme of these lessons is an expression of the very heart of the Gospel - through Jesus Christ there is deliverance from sin and all of its deadly effects.
- B. One of the titles given to the Lord Jesus is that of Deliverer.

And so all Israel shall be saved, as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. Romans 11:26

- C. There are three Biblical principles to keep in mind as we continue through these lessons.
  - 1. All the facets of our deliverance are inseparably related to the Lord Jesus Christ our Deliverer. He has not only made a provision for our freedom, we receive this liberty when we receive Him into our life and we increasingly experience this deliverance as we grow in a life of fellowship with Him.
  - 2. When we did receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior we were given all the legal rights to complete deliverance from sin and all its effects. All of this came with the Savior. The Christian is a delivered person.
  - 3. In order for this liberty to be a practical experience of power, joy and assurance, we must learn of our deliverance and how to cooperate with God in the day by day application of freedom. It may well be that many of us do not know enough about the Christian life to live in freedom. God wants to set you free - but he can only work in your life through truth (John 8:32).

I. Our Need of Deliverance.

- A. We need deliverance from the Law of God.

In the Garden of Eden we were created by God into a relationship of fellowship. We were by our nature and desire fully obedient to God. In that time of creation God instructed Adam and Eve to obey Him perfectly and explained to them that disobedience would break their fellowship with Him and this would result in spiritual and physical death.

When Adam and Eve did sin the Law of God became a source of demand (for perfect obedience) and a condemnation (pronouncement of death). Jesus Christ came into the world to meet the righteous demands of God's law. He is the answer to all the demands of the law.

B. We need deliverance from guilt, condemnation and death.

In failing to obey God we transgressed the Law of God and thereby the very nature of God Himself. This brought upon every member of the human race the sentence of condemnation, with its guilt and death. The whole human race stands before God under condemnation. We are guilty and are creatures of death. Jesus Christ came to reverse all of this.

C. We need deliverance from Hell.

The eternal state of all sinners is that of Hell. This is an everlasting existence under the judgment of God. Included in this judgment is separation from all love, mercy and goodness. Perhaps the most serious characteristic of Hell is that repentance and faith are an impossibility there. The Lord Jesus suffered our hell and has set us free.

D. We need deliverance from the principle of sin.

The effect the Fall has had upon us is often described as "total depravity". This simply means that all the areas of our person and life have been influenced by sin. Instead of being creatures of faith, love, obedience and life - we are creatures of unbelief, of selfishness, of disobedience and of death. All of us have a built-in resistance to the will of God. In His death Jesus Christ broke the power of this sin.

E. We need deliverance from Satan.

In the Fall we obeyed Satan rather than God. One of the effects of this act is the control that Satan has on the human race. Even as believers we are vulnerable to his attacks in that we still sin and fail to practice the truth. Satan exerts an insidious, constant influence upon all of us. The Lord Jesus Christ defeated Satan.

F. We need deliverance from the world.

Due to our sinful and selfish nature we have created a cultural way of life which is but a reflection of our own character. It is described in the Bible as a type of thinking and living in which the goals of life are completely self-centered. Much of our bondage is due to the way we have accepted the priorities of the world about us. Through Jesus Christ we have been separated from the world and its enslavement.

G. We need deliverance from temptation.

The believer, though redeemed, is still susceptible to temptation from his fleshly nature, the world about him and from Satan. Too often we find ourselves characterized by lack of discernment and spiritual weakness in this crucial area of our daily life. The Lord has broken the sources of temptation for us and dwells within us by the Holy Spirit to be our strength.

#### H. We need deliverance from deception.

Due to the presence of our fleshly nature, the self-centered priorities of the world, and the continual influence of Satan - the Christian is in constant danger of deception. We are warned regarding self-deception through disobedience to God and the accepting of the standards and goals of the sinful culture about us. In His life and death the Lord Jesus Christ has exposed the errors and sins which captivate us and has given Himself to us as the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6).

Summary: Jesus Christ came into the world to be our Deliverer from these eight, and more, areas of enslavement, self-destruction and judgment. What rejoicing this should bring into our lives. We have a Deliverer!

### II. What Jesus Christ has Done to Deliver Us.

- A. He was born into our human race through the miracle of the Incarnation. He became fully a member of the human race while remaining fully God. Isaiah 9:6; John 1:14; Romans 1:3,4

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14

- B. As a member of the race, Jesus Christ the God-man, became our representative before God. He chose to identify Himself with our fallen state of condemnation and death so He could deliver us. Gal. 4:4,5; Eph. 2:4-6; Col. 2:10-15

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Gal. 4:4,5

- C. As our representative the Lord Jesus suffered our penalty on the Cross, endured our hell and died our death. Romans 5:6-8,19; II Cor. 5:21; Galatians 3:13; I Peter 2:24

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. Gal. 3:13

- D. Having defeated Satan in the Crucifixion, paid the penalty of sin and stripped death of its power, Jesus Christ was resurrected from the grave. His Resurrection is a testimony that the deliverance He promised is a reality. Acts 13:34,38,39; 17:31; Rom. 1:4; I Cor. 15:1-4,14-20

And as concerning that He raised Him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, He said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Acts 13:34

E. In His Ascension the Lord Jesus entered Heaven as our Representative to take up His work as our High Priest. He is in Heaven as our Forerunner (Hebrews 6:19,20); our Surety (Hebrews 7:22); our Mediator (Hebrews 8:1-6); and as our Advocate (I John 2:1,2). He continually makes intercession for us. Hebrews 7:23-28

Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.  
Hebrews 7:25

F. In His Glorification the Lord Jesus bestowed the Blessed Holy Spirit upon His people and thereby brought the church into existence. All who now believe are made a member of this church. Matt. 16:18,19; Acts 2:33; Eph. 4:7-16

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

Summary: There is no area of life or need that the Lord Jesus Christ has not touched by His blood and grace. He has broken all the sources of our bondage and has provided freedom for us.

### III. What Jesus Christ has Given Us to Deliver Us.

#### A. He has given us salvation.

Through bringing us to Himself in repentance and faith He has bestowed upon us the benefits of the deliverance He purchased for us in His passion. We are now forgiven, justified, accepted, and adopted into a living relationship with God. We are delivered people. Rom. 8:1-4,31-39; Eph. 1:1-7; Col. 2:10-15; Hebrews 9:11-28

To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:6,7

#### B. He has given us the Blessed Holy Spirit.

As believers we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. He has come to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ through our daily life and progress. He is our divine Helper to instruct and enable us in learning the truth through the Scripture and living it out in our daily life through prayer and service. John 14:17-20,26; 16:13,14; Acts 2:33; Rom. 15:13; Gal. 5:22,23

Now the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13

C. He has given us the Christian life.

Salvation introduces us into a life of fellowship with God. We now can love Him, trust Him, obey Him and serve Him. As we mature in an understanding of our deliverance we are able to experience more freedom in our daily life. We can live as delivered people. Romans 8:1-9; 12:1,2; 15:13; I Cor. 1:9; Col. 3:1-17

God is faithful, by Whom ye were called into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. I Cor. 1:9

D. He has given us the Church.

Through our union with Jesus Christ in salvation we were baptized by the Holy Spirit and made a member of the Body of Christ. All of us have been given gifts for the fellowship, sustaining and edifying of the other members of the church. Our relationship one with another is that of love. Through our mutual dependence on one another we can grow in the experience of our mutual deliverance. I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:1-16

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. I Cor. 12:13

E. He has given us the Bible.

The Holy Scripture is the blueprint of our experiential deliverance. As we learn to take the Word of God and put it into practice through faith and love we grow in the knowledge and thereby in the practical experience of our freedom in Jesus Christ. The Bible is the message of deliverance and it presents patterns of thought and action so we may know how to live in the freedom and liberty of the children of God. John 8:12,32; 17:17; II Cor. 7:1; II Timothy 3:16,17; Hebrews 4:1-3,12,13; James 1:22-25; I Peter 2:1,2

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world, he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. . . And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. John 8:12,32

Concluding Summary: What are we to do - to be free?

A. Recognize and treat all sin and its effects as completely foreign!  
Romans 6:1-13

Likewise reckon (regard it, count it to be so) ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:11

- B. Recognize and treat all truth, love and holiness as completely compatible. Colossians 3:1-17

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1-3

- C. Break and reject all the old patterns of sin. Romans 7:14-25;  
Eph. 4:21-32

That ye put off concerning the former conversation (way of life) the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.  
Eph. 4:22

- D. Initiate and maintain all the new patterns of truth, love and holiness. Romans 8:1-16; Colossians 3:1-17

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him . . . Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things, put on love which is the bond of perfectness. Col. 3:10,12-14