

Jesus Christ Sets People Free

Introduction

- A. One of the serious consequences of sin is that it brings a person into bondage. Political slavery is never as bad as spiritual slavery!

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. John 8:34

- B. The non-Christian is in bondage to his sinful nature, to the world culture about him and to Satan. Eph. 2:2,3

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Eph. 2:2,3

- C. The Gospel is called "Good News" because it will set people free.

I. The Basis of the Believer's Freedom.

- A. Freedom comes through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, John 8:36.

If the Son (Jesus Christ) therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Observation: Jesus Christ can do what no one else can do – He can break the bondage of sin.

- B. Freedom comes through a knowledge and practice of the Truth, John 8:32

And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.

Observation: God's promise is clear: there is Truth, we can know it, and the Truth (when practiced) will set us free!

- C. Freedom comes through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, II Cor. 3:17.

Now the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Observation: The Holy Spirit brings to the believer the power of the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ. This will set a person free from sin!

II. The Method of the Believer's Freedom.

Freedom comes into our lives when we choose to honestly practice the truth through decisions of faith and love, Romans 6:17,18.

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Observation: The key is to obey the Word of God from the heart. This means honesty, faith, love and perseverance in practice (obedience).

III. The Explanation of the Believer's Freedom.

A. Deliverance from sin – is the promise of freedom, Romans 6:18.

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B. Deliverance from death – is the promise of freedom, Romans 8:2.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

C. Spiritual liberty – is the promise of freedom, Galatians 5:1,11.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

D. Incentives for life – is the promise of freedom, James 1:25.

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

E. Daily responsibility – is the promise of freedom, James 2:12.

So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

F. Spiritual service – is the promise of freedom, I Peter 2:16.

As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

Conclusion: Liberty, like love, can only be received. Jesus Christ died and rose from the grave to give freedom to all those who believe upon Him as Savior and Lord.

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