

FINDING FREEDOM

Bondage and the Work of Christ

John 8:31-38

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INTRODUCTION ~ Jesus Came to Make Us Free

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

Isaiah 61:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

Galatians 5:1

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

1. FREE FROM WHAT?

We aren't Christians.

We don't see how imprisoned we are.

We don't realize how free we can be.

2. WHY DO WE LIVE IN BONDAGE?

D. We don't call on Christ Who frees us.

Augustine's fourfold state:

Pre-fall Man: Able to sin (posse peccare)

Post-fall Man: Not able not to sin (non posse non peccare)

Reborn Man: Able not to sin (possee non peccare)

Glorified Man: Not able to sin (non posse peccare)

E. We choose to stay in prison.

F. Some people want to keep us in prison.

3. JESUS BROKE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH

Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through Him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

Acts 13:38-39

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15

4. HOW DO WE DO THIS?

A Prayer for Freedom

Lord Jesus, You have come to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God. Come and heal my brokenness right here, Lord; free me from captivity, release me from all darkness, bring Your favor here in my soul. Lord, You came to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. I ask you to do this in me—and free me from all that binds me, through Jesus Christ, in Whose name I pray. Amen.

CONCLUSION