

19:21-24 The Doctrine of the Crucifixion

Made Free by the Son

Series: Who is Jesus the Christ?

Reading – Romans 6:16-23 11 December, 2016

Today we want to look at the freedom we have in Christ. We often don't realize what is happening around us. Like a frog in a slowly heating pot of water, we don't see what is happening until it is too late. With our hearts being deceived, it shouldn't surprise us that we don't see things clearly. We come to God's word to see the truth, to hear and know the truth, and to have our eyes opened. Today we are going to look at the freedom that Christ purchased for us on the cross: Freedom from the law, from Satan's kingdom, and from the power of sin in my own life.

- We have looked at the fact that God was in control at all times, it happened in His time and according to His plan. That alone should be a reason that we study and think on the cross.
- It also shows the sinfulness of sin. Sin is an active cancer that will destroy and fight against all that is good. It is bound in the heart and flesh of man. It leaves us dead, blinded in our minds.
- It was a payment for our sin. A single one time sacrifice (Hebrew 7:27) that paid for our sins. It placed our sin on Christ and gave us His righteous. Substitutionary Atonement.
- Last week we look at what Genesis said. It was a victory over Satan. Satan had brought sin into the world, striking every individual, but God promised that the coming seed would crush his head.
- Today we want to look at the last aspect of the cross that we will consider. Freedom.
 - We are enslaved to sin, even if we don't want it. Freedom correctly understood. No such thing as true freedom. Absolute freedom. No freedom without limits.
 - Romans 3:9-12 “⁹ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. ¹⁰ As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”
 - Romans 7:13-24 “¹³ Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.” (Law was added because of transgression. Gal 3:19-24 transgressions (19) to bring us to Christ (24) need of a Savior)
¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. ¹⁶ If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is good*. ¹⁷ But now, *it is no longer* I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹ For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?”
 - John 8:33-34 “³³ They answered Him, We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, You will be made free? ³⁴ Jesus answered them, most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.”
 - We are born sinners, with hearts that love ourselves more than God. Fact...
 - Rom 6:16 “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?”
 - Salvation comes through Christ's obedience, not our own...

- **1 John 1:8-10** ⁸ “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”
- **Matthew 1:21** “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”
- **John 1:29** “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
- This is the good news, the Gospel. (1Co 15:3) “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,”
 - **Acts 3:26** “To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.”
 - **Acts 4:12** “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
 - **Acts 13:38** “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;” (Paul and Barnabas at Antioch.)
 - **Acts 17:29-31** ²⁹ “Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
 - Facts of scripture.
 - This is why the scripture is called the good news. Judgment is coming. Freedom is offered in Christ, forgiveness of sin.
 - **Col 1:14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (**Eph. 1:7** same)
 - He was the payment, the propitiation, and therefore He redeemed us. Bought us back...
 - **1 Peter 1:18-19** ¹⁸ “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”
- The Son has set us free from what?
 - The Law – He paid the price for our sin, set us free to serve Him.
 - **Romans 8:1-4** ¹ “*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”
 - **Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
 - The rule of sin – the kingdom of Satan.
 - **Colossians 1:13** “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,”
 - **Romans 6:6** “knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

- **Romans 6:22** “But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.”
 - We have a new master.
 - **Matthew 6:24** “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”
 - Context of God and mammon, but equally here, sin and Christ.
- The Power of sin – He has given us a new heart that desires God.
 - **Rom 6:12** “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.”
 - **Rom 6:16** “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?”
 - **Rom 6:19** “I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.”

So God came and died on a cross to save us yes, to save us from Satan and our own sin; To deliver us from the kingdom of Satan and to translate us into the kingdom of His dear son. May we walk worthy by understanding the sacrifice that was given for us and what it accomplished. We are His, if we are in Christ. Paid for, bought back, freed, justified, redeemed and glorified. Still waiting for the completion of the promise, but in His, secure. Let us rejoice today.

Prayer “Now May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.” (**2Co 13:14 NKJ**) **In Jesus Name**

Sing the Doxology.... Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creature, here below..., Praise Him above you heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen