

Set Free – Part 5

Set Free From the Oppression of Sin

- God is passionate about setting you free.

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NASB)

the LORD has anointed me.....To proclaim liberty to captives and

Luke 4:14-21 (NASB)

¹⁵ And Jesus *began* teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

¹⁶ And Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, Jesus entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
¹⁹ TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

²⁰ And Jesus closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

²¹ And Jesus began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

2. God wants to set you free from the **power** of **sin**.

Romans 7:14-17

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.

3. God wants to set you free from the **slavery** of **sin**.

Genesis 4:7 (NASB)

sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

John 15:4-11 (NASB)

he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

4. God wants to set you free from the **stain**
(defilement) of **sin**.

Ezekiel 23:37-38

³⁷ "For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands.....they have done this to Me: they have defiled My sanctuary.

2 Chronicles 36:14

¹⁴ Furthermore, all the officials of the priests and the people were very unfaithful *following* all the abominations of the nations; and they defiled the house of the LORD.

Lamentations 4:13-14

¹³ Because of the sins of her prophets *And* the iniquities of her priests, Who have shed in her midst The blood of the righteous;
¹⁴ They wandered, blind, in the streets; They (the righteous) were defiled with blood.

Genesis 34:1-5

¹ Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the daughters of the land.

² When Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he took her and lay with her by force.....

⁵ Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter.

5. Christ came to earth, **lived** a perfect life, **died** on the cross, and **rose again** for the **purpose** of removing sins we have committed and sins that have been committed against us.

Hebrews 9:13-14 (NASB)

¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience

Ezekiel 36:25-26 (NASB)

²⁵ "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness..... ²⁶ "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

6. To start the process of being set free from the stain of sin you must confess the sin to God and others.

1 John 1:9 (NASB)

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

7. To **complete** the **process** of being set free from the stain of sin you must **forgive**.

8. When sin is done **against** you a **deadly** attachment has been made with you and the one who **offended** you.

9. This **deadly** attachment can **produce** anger, **fear**, excessiveness, dependency, compulsion, and **low self-worth**.

10. **Forgiveness** is **not** letting the person **off** the hook. **Forgiveness** is pulling the hook from your mouth and **giving** it to God.

Deuteronomy 32:35 (NASB)

³⁵ 'Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, In due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, And the impending things are hastening upon them.'

Romans 12:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of *God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

1 Peter 2:23 (NASB)

²³ and while being reviled, Jesus did not revile in return; while suffering, Jesus uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to God who judges righteously;

11. **Forgiveness** is the powerful statement, "I will not be **owned** by a sin nor a **victimizer**, but by a God who set me **free** from both."

Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

it is to a man's glory to overlook an offense.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁸ "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

How do I forgive?

- **Believe** that it is **possible** to get off the **hook** of a sin that has been done **against** you.

Matthew 19:26 (NIV)

...with God all things are possible."

- Make a **list** of the **offenses** done against you.

Psalm 32:5 (NASB)

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

- Make a **list** of the **pain** that it has caused you.

Psalm 56:8 (NASB)

⁸You have taken account of my wanderings; Put my tears in Your bottle. Are *they* not in Your book?

- Ask yourself: Do I want to **carry** the **pain** for the rest of my **life**?

Acts 8:23 (NASB)

²³"For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

Job 5:2 (NASB)

²"For anger slays a man,

- Pull the sinful **hook** from your mouth and **give** it to God by saying, "You do not **own** me anymore."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NASB)

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, ²⁰ For you have been bought with a price

1 Peter 2:24 (NASB)

²⁴ He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

John 10:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

- Embark on a **ministry** to help those who have been **stained** with the same **sin**.

Galatians 6:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him....

² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- Remember the concept: the only **people** who get to see God at His **best** are the ones who have seen Satan at his **worst**.

12. **Freedom in Christ** is viewing your life from the

perspective of His cross. For it is there we get our value, our identity, and our life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.