

"Take Your Liberty"

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I. "BREAKING THE POWER AND THE PATTERN OF SIN AND OF BONDAGE"

"Sylvia Says"

"It takes a spiritual power to break a spiritual power."

"It takes a natural repatterning to break a natural pattern."

"The secret to effective change -- repatterning the flesh by the power of the Spirit and the mind of Christ."

A. First classification of spiritual power: EVIL and UNCLEAN

1. Recognizing the spiritual power of ...
 - a. Lust
 - b. Sin
 - c. Death
 - d. Fleshly bondage – living by the desires and desires of the flesh
 - e. The world – bound by the systems of the world
 - f. Rebellion = witchcraft = *pharmakeia* (I Sam. 15:23a) -- a matter of will
 - g. Stubbornness = iniquity and idolatry (I Sam 15:23b) --a matter of worship
 - h. Ungodly religion, tradition, and culture
 - i. Darkness and deception ("The God of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not....")
 - j. Demonic spirits and all activities, expressions, and functions associated with them
2. Keys to breaking
 - a. "The power of evil" – Key is deliverance and salvation
 - b. "The bondage of iniquity" – Key is repentance and crucifixion
3. This power reigns (rules over, has dominion, drives, enslaves, dictates behavior, and controls one's life)
 - a. *Until* the power of Christ breaks its power;
 - b. *Until* the believer breaks its pattern by yielding to Christ's life and being conformed to Him.

B. Second classification of spiritual powers: GOOD and HOLY

1. Releasing the spiritual power of ...
 - a. The Name of Jesus ("All power is given unto me...Ask what you will in My Name....")
 - b. The Blood of Christ ("They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb....")
 - c. The Gospel of the Cross ("It is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes.")
 - d. The Resurrection ("...That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.")
 - e. The Word of God ("...quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword....")
 - f. The Holy Spirit ("Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.")
 - g. The "Anointing" ("This anointing dwells in you." "It is the anointing that breaks the yoke.")
 - h. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus ("...hath made me free from the law of sin and death.")
 - i. The Light of Truth ("Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.")
 - j. Prayer ("Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit....")
 - k. Praise and song ("When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the enemy.")
 - l. Personal testimony ("They overcame him by ...the word of their testimony.")

2. How this power is brought to reign in one's life
 - a. Appropriated by grace through faith
 - b. Applied through
 - 1.) Acknowledging need
 - 2.) Pleading the blood
 - 3.) Accepting the work of Calvary
 - 4.) "Reckoning" oneself dead to sin
 - 5.) Crucifying and consecrating the flesh
 - 6.) Surrendering the self to God
 - 7.) Yielding all members as instruments of righteousness
 - 8.) Letting the mind of Christ be in you
 - 9.) Receiving and releasing the power of the Holy Spirit
 - 10.) Praying in the name of Jesus
 - 11.) Worshipping the Lamb
 - 12.) Confessing His Lordship
 - 13.) "Claiming the promises"--declaring His Word to be true
 - 14.) Testifying of His goodness and faithfulness
 - 15.) Prophetically proclaiming His will for your sanctification

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made you free and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1

II. CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST (Romans 6)

A. The Pattern (Vss. 3-5): Likeness of His death and resurrection

1. Buried with Him by baptism into death
2. Rise to walk in newness of life

B. The Purpose (Vs. 6): Our old man is crucified with Him...

1. That the body of sin might be destroyed (rendered inoperative);
2. That henceforth we should not serve (be slaves of) sin.

C. The Progression of Spiritual Truth (Vss. 9-20):

1. Vs. 9 -- Death HATH no more dominion over **HIM** (because Christ died and rose again).
2. Vs. 14 -- Sin **SHALL NOT HAVE** dominion over **YOU**, for ye are not under law, but under grace.
3. Vs. 11 -- Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God.
4. Vs. 12 -- Let not sin reign in your mortal body.
5. Vs. 13 -- Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness, **but** yield yourselves unto God...and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
6. Vs. 18 -- Being made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

D. The Product, the Price and the Prize (Vss. 21-23)

1. Wages of sin = death (No fruit; the end is death.)
2. Gift of God = eternal life (Fruit of freedom and of serving God is holiness; the end is everlasting life.)

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**He breaks the power so that I can break the pattern
of sin and of bondage.**

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BY THE WORK OF THE CROSS AND THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT,
I CAN
CRUCIFY THE FLESH,
CONQUER THE SIN,
CONTROL THE SELF,
AND
CONSECRATE A HOLY LIFE
UNTO GOD.

Gal. 5:16 -- "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

Gal. 2: 20 -- Changed by exchange: "I am crucified with Christ..."
(Pete and Joe illustration)

Rom. 12:1-2 -- "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God...."

Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing [exchanging] of your mind...."

"Freedom Chart"

<u>Before Christ</u>	<u>After Christ</u>	<u>In Heaven</u>
"Free" only to sin	Free not to sin	Not free to sin – "Wholly holy"
"BOUND" to sin	"Set free from sin"	"Nothing that defiles shall enter..."
"Slaves to unrighteousness"	"Free to yield, obeying from the heart"	"Servants of the Most High God"

"*Sylvia Says*"

"I have but one power; it is the power to choose.

"I have but one choice: to whom will I yield?"

"It's not whether you will be a slave, but rather whose slave you will be."

III. JUBILEE: FREE TO BE BOUND; BOUND TO BE FREE; BOUND BY LOVE;

A. O.T. Law of Hebrew Bondslave -- 7th Year (Exod. 21:1-6; Deut.15:12-18)

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| 1. "I LOVE my Master." | BOUND BY LOVE |
| 2. "I WILL not go out FREE." | BOUND BY FREE-WILL, BY CHOICE |
| 3. My ALL for His AWL* (KJV – AUL) | BOUND BY SUBMISSION TO BE MARKED, BRANDED |
| 4. "EARMARKED" forever | BOUND TO BE SEEN AND KNOWN AS "OWNED" |

B. A servant/slave to Jesus Christ (*doulos*)

- "His servants ye are to whom you obey." (Romans 6)
- The servant of God ... (and/or) of Jesus Christ
PAUL – Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:10; Titus 1:1; JAMES – James 1:1; PETER – 2 Peter 1:1;
JUDE – Jude 1:1; JOHN – Revelation 1:1

* AWL – A sharp, pointed tool for leather, used to pierce the ear of a servant when he chose to remain with his master whom he loved – AFTER BEING SET FREE! JUBILEE! Yet, though legally "freed by law," he was LIBERATED BY LOVE, LIBERATED TO LOVE, AND LIBERATED IN LOVE! Choosing to be "branded" as a bound slave (bonded by and to his master), he brought the awl to his master, presenting himself as a servant forever to his beloved master. They chose the place of his consecration. Using a door as the "altar" where he "presented his body as a living sacrifice," he put his ear against the door frame, and submitted to be "EARMARKED" for life! Consider which direction he faced looking through that door – backward? Or forward?

Paul's Steps to Liberty

Scriptural Supplement to VCL Notebook, P. 49 – "Take Your Liberty"

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Romans 6

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

² God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

⁹ Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

¹⁰ For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

¹¹ Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

¹³Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

¹⁴For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

¹⁵What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

¹⁶Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

¹⁷But 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.

¹⁸Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

¹⁹I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

²⁰For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

²¹What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

²²But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

²³For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
