

## **FREE FROM SIN**

(Heb. 8:6-12)

### **Introduction:**

1. We conclude our Summer Freedom Series this morning by discussing the ultimate freedom we have as Christians; freedom from sin.
2. It is our enslavement to sin that has brought death and suffering into the world. It is our enslavement to sin that has separated us from our heavenly Father. It is our enslavement to sin that we are helpless to overcome in and of ourselves. But, God in His loving kindness has provided mankind with the means to be free from sin and to restore us to Himself.
3. Let us consider the Christian's freedom from sin by acknowledging the glitch, the gift, and the goal.

### **Discussion:**

#### **I. The Glitch.**

- A. Sin is the violating of God's revealed will.
  1. 1 John 3:4 = sin is lawlessness.
  2. Matt. 7:21-23 and Luke 6:46 = lawlessness is not obeying God's/Christ's words.
  3. John 12:48 = judgment regarding heaven or hell is by the words of Christ.
- B. Sin results in death.
  1. Physical death came into the world via sin (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12-14).
  2. Death is separation (Jas. 2:26).
  3. Sin results in spiritual death (separation from God, the so-called "second death"; Gen. 3; Is. 59:1, 2; 2 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 2:10, 11; 20:14, 15; Rom. 6:23).
- C. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and thus all have earned death (Rom. 3:23; 6:23). But here is where the grace of God comes into the picture!!

#### **II. The Gift.**

- A. God has provided a means for us to overcome sin and receive eternal life (Rom. 6:23).
  1. Law + Christ = Justification!!
  2. Consider the Law: it produces knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20) and was introduced to keep us/teach us until the Seed should come (Gal. 3:19-29, 16).
  3. Consider Christ in relation to the Law (Gal. 3:10-14; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 8:1-4).
- B. God has provided the means of receiving the gift (Rom. 10; vv 17, 9, 13, 16).
- C. God has provided the means of retaining possession of that gift (Acts 13:43; 1 John 1:7-10).

#### **III. The Goal.**

- A. Reconciliation with God (2 Cor. 5:10-20).
- B. Fulfilling God's desire/will (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9).
- C. Beautiful big picture of what God has done for us in Christ.
  1. The relationship of Gen. 2:15ff was lost because of the events of Gen. 3.
  2. But that relationship is regained in Christ as pictured in Rev. 22:1-5.

### **Conclusion:**

1. Sin is common to all men, save for our Lord who was God and man. The solution to mankind's sin problem is to be like Christ; God and man (John 14:17, 23; Gal. 2:20).
2. Just as Jesus humbled Himself and obeyed the Father in all things, so we too must humble ourselves and obey the Father in all things (hearing the word of God, believing it, repenting of our previous life, confessing that Christ is Lord and Savior, and obeying Him [beginning with baptism] unto death).
3. That is the way that Christians can be free from sin, and know that they have eternal life here and now (1 John 5:13) and there and then (Matt. 25:46)!!
4. Invitation.