

Made Free By Jesus Christ

Colossians 2:13-17

Intro:

- A. Jesus Christ declared Himself to be the way to freedom.
  - 1. Jn 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall made you free."
  - 2. Jn 8:36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."
- B. From what has Jesus made us free?
  - 1. This is not political freedom because these disciples were punished by civil authority.
  - 2. His promise and these scriptures teach us the things that held these men, the Jews, and us in spiritual bondage.
  - 3. Jesus is the author of spiritual liberty.

I. Jesus Freed Us From The Consequences Of Our Sins.

- A. Vs. 13 "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh..."
  - 1. "Dead" = νεκρος = "a dead person".
  - 2. "Sins" = παραπτωμα = "a falling when one should have stood upright", "the particular and special act of sin from ignorance, inadvertence, or negligence".
  - 3. "And to you, who once were dead by reason of your sins and your uncircumcised nature" - TCNT
- B. "...hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;"
  - 1. "Quickened" = συζωοποιω = "to a make alive in conjunction with another".
  - 2. God raised Christ from the Dead. We were dead in sin! When we are in Christ we are raised up in Him, His was literal.
  - 3. "Forgiven" = χαριζομαι = "to give or bestow a thing willingly or graciously, here to graciously remit a person's sin debt", "to pardon".
  - 4. "Trespasses" = παραπτωμα = "a falling aside from right or truth or duty".

## II. What Christ Did To Make Us Free.

A. Vs. 14 "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us..."

1. "Blotting" = εξαλειφω = "to wash over", "to wipe out". This word was used for cancelling a vote or annulling a law. It also described the process of "Washing out" previous writing on papyrus.
2. "Handwriting" = χειρογραφον = "handwriting". It was used of an I.O.U., a statement of debt that was signed by the debtor.
3. "Ordinances" = δογμα = "decree", a legal document which was posted in a public place that described decrees that must be kept by all.
4. "Contrary" = υπεναντιος = "opposed", "hostile", "directly opposed", "active hostility".
5. "Christ has utterly wiped out the damning evidence of broken laws and commandments which always hung over our heads" - Phi
6. No doubt this has reference to Jew and Gentile and does not end with the Law of Moses. It includes all of the accusations that were lodged against us because all have sinned, some with law and some without law.

B. "...and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross."

1. "Took it" = αιρω = "to take up", "to lift up and to carry away",
2. "Way" = εκ μεσου = "from out of the midst".
3. "Nailing" = προσηλω = "to nail to".
4. "and has completely annulled it by nailing it over his own head on the cross" - Phi

## III. The Full Freedom That Christ Gained For Us.

A. Vs. 15 "And having spoiled principalities and powers..."

1. "Spoiled" = απεκδυομαι = "to strip off", "to put off as one puts off a garment".
2. "Principalities" = αρχη = "the highest of dignitaries", "the first one".
3. "Powers" = εξουσια = "authority that is unlimited", "liberty to do a thing".
4. "On that cross he discarded the cosmic powers and authorities" - NEB

- B. "he made a shew of them openly..."
1. "Made a show" = δειγματιζω = "to display", "to expose", "to exhibit as spoils of war".
  2. "Openly" = παρρησια = "boldness", "confidence".
  3. "and boldly with confidence He held them up to shame and contempt."

- C. "...triumphing over them in it."
1. "Triumphing" = θριαμβευω = "to lead in triumph", "a general, having been victorious, lead his prisoners in a victory parade".
  2. "he exposed them, shattered, empty and defeated, in his final, glorious triumphant act! - Phi

#### IV. Our Bold Assertion Of This Freedom.

- A. Vs. 16 "Let no man therefore Judge you in meat, or in drink,"
1. "Judge" = κρινω = "to take one to task".
  2. "Meat" = βρωσις = "eating".
  3. "Drink" = ποσις = "drinking"
  4. "Do not, then, allow any one to take you to task on question of eating or drinking." - TCNT

- B. "...or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days."
1. "Respect" = μέρος = "a part", "particular" here, "In the matter of..."
  2. "Holy day" = έορτη = "a feast", "festival".
  3. "New moon" = "the monthly festivals".
  4. "Sabbath" = "weekly festivals".
  5. "or in the matter of annual, or monthly or weekly festivals"

- C. Vs. 17 The true meaning of the Jewish Festivals.
1. "Shadow" = "a dim outline or sketch".
  2. The Old Testament rituals were dim shadows pointing to the redemptive work of Christ.
  3. He is the substance of the shadows.
  4. To have Christ is to have all God demands or expects from any human.

