

## **ENSLAVED BY SIN AND CORRUPTION**

### **John 8:31-47**

**Introduction:** There is a lot of things people just are not aware of and are surprised when and if they find some of those things out. Jesus said He came to seek and to save but His fellow countrymen didn't think they needed to be saved from anything for after all they were God's chosen people and they had God's laws and they had Moses and other great leaders of the past to refer to. People don't know that they have been born already enslaved into sin and all that sin brings and they don't have to do anything different to be separated from God.

### **I. ENSLAVEMENT TO SIN AND ITS CORRUPTION IS VERY REAL**

1. There are two ways of life for people to live, good and evil and every person will follow one or the other.
2. As a general rule of human nature, people will follow after sin, evil even though they have freedom to choose which for good is present as well as sin and it's evil.
3. People must determine which way of life they will follow for they must be under one or the other.
  - Every person will choose whether to be a servant of sin to his/her death or of obedience to God and unto His righteousness.
  - Born with an old sin nature, it is only natural for people to lean toward doing sin and evil for that is where one's heart is by birth.
4. Whenever a person yields to sinful enslavement, he/she also is placed under the penalty of divine law.
  - Spiritual understanding is weakened and dimmed.
  - The soul is kept in spiritual poverty.
  - All his/her intellectual and natural abilities are under the power of the nature of sin.
5. People don't recognize this as being under enslavement, but only as doing the "natural thing."

### **II. THOSE ENSLAVED TO SIN ARE SELF-DECEIVED AND BLIND**

1. Sin is a type of madness that causes a person to think of him/herself as something he/she really is not.
  - The Jews to whom Jesus spoke thought they were free, never in bondage, as if their whole history from exile up to those moments didn't exist, as if their spiritual history did not reveal the sad tale of enslavement to idolatry and spiritual pride.
2. The two praying, the Pharisee and the Publican revealed blindness of the Pharisee as to his thinking he was so much better, different than the Publican, enabling Jesus to show that people were not doers of the word but hearers only, thinking themselves to be what they were not.
3. Those around Jesus claimed not only to be of Abraham's seed, but to of a higher descent but Jesus pointed out to them that there was someone greater than Abraham, and that was God.

### III. THE END OF SERVING SIN IS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

1. Spiritual death is the result of sin enslavement, death to God, death God's holiness and death to eternal life.
  - Not only is one's life of sin useless and empty whether it be small or large sins, all sin separates one from God.
2. As it is with the human, physical body, so it is with the moral part of a person.
  - Some disease affect the human, physical body, shortening and destroying life.
  - So sin does that to the moral part of a person. It eventually destroys it.
3. The deceitful, liars, slanderers, worldly, material seekers, the pleasure seekers, all are slaves of sin.
4. As God will not permit His commandments to be trampled underfoot and His name dishonored, as surely as the liar and murderer shall be bound in chains in darkness (**Jude 6**), so surely will those enslaved to sin receive its wages and reward - separation for all eternity from God.

### IV. THE WAY TO BE RESCUED FROM SIN ENSLAVEMENT

1. Accepting Jesus Christ as one's Savior will give the way of escape.
  - *"...He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him..." (John 3:36) "...If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed..."*
2. Being in Jesus Christ is the truest freedom there can be and the way one would walk if he/she were humanly perfect, as Jesus walked and was perfect.
  - Since nobody is born perfect, there must be someone who is perfect to take the place of those imperfect in approaching God, the Father, and that someone is Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUSION:

1. What must one do to be in Jesus Christ and therefore be able to go to God and have eternal life, escaping the enslavement of sin?
2. *"...That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation..."*  
(Romans 10:9-10)