

## **FREEDOM AT ONCE AND FOREVER**

**Isaiah 61:1**

**Introduction:** July 4th is the day our nation celebrates its break from England's control and declared that this is a free nation. Also many years later there was another war in this country and it was between the North and the South concerning slavery. The end of the war brought freedom to men, women, and children who were enslaved. Only after the deaths of thousands on both sides was there finally victory and the slaves were free.

There is another slavery, a slavery into which we all were born, a slavery in which we have lived and sadly a slavery under which some of us still live. Jesus Christ has come, the great liberator, to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, has Himself come with divine authority - authority never to be questioned, never disputed - to proclaim liberty from the slavery of Satan and sin.

Slaves of Satan and sin, there is liberty for all, through the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **I. THE NATURE OF THIS LIBERTY**

#### **1. It is immediate liberation.**

- Not days, weeks, months to complete.
- It does not take any time to work in the human heart the great change which is called Regeneration.
- One passes from death to life in an instant.
- There is no need to get prepared or educated to be freed.
- In a single stroke, one can be set free.
- The prodigal son was restored by making up his mind to go home and he went.
- *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved - He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."*

#### **2. It is unconditional.**

- No payment is demanded for a slave has nothing to offer that would satisfy the debt.
- All are invited to come, take the free grace of God without money and without price.
- No promises on the slave's part to do this or that after release.
- Salvation is unconditionally given to those who have heard the Word with faith and accepted it unconditionally.
- Christ does not leave on a halter or foot hobble. One is completely free.

#### **3. It is an abolishment of slavery.**

- Sin is one great slavery, but Christ comes and pardons it and He so pardons it that sin itself ceases to be.
- Christ has come to remove from us the penalty and the guilt of sin so entirely that there is abolition of the slavery of sin immediately and unconditionally.

#### **4. It is universal as well, no one will be denied freedom.**

- Christ gives liberty to all who put their trust in Him (whosoever believeth)
- One cannot be too old nor too young to be included.

## II. THE METHOD OF LIBERATION

### 1. Heaven provided a ransom.

- Jesus Christ bore on the cross the ransom for all who believe in Him.
- God from the throne declares, proclaims the blood bought sinner free and free he is!

### 2. Almighty Grace secures the believers emancipation.

- The slave is reluctant at first to want to be free but grace works with the slave to cause the desire to be free and grace will bring that freedom.
- Christ pays the ransom price, the Father declares them free, the Grace of God secures their liberty - at once they are made free.

### 3. The righteous law protects them.

- It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemeth? Who can make him a slave whom God declares to be free?

## III. THE PERSONS WHO OBTAIN THIS LIBERTY

### 1. They all were once slaves.

- One cannot be liberated who was never a slave or one who does not want to be freed.
- One needs not a doctor if well.
- Christ comes to bring pardon to the enslaved to sin and Satan.
- One must be a slave of sin and Satan or there is no such freedom.

### 2. Those set free must come under the reign of Grace.

- To be free from Satan and sin one must come into the Kingdom of God - under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ - to obey Him, to live by His law - just as one is.

### 3. This liberty, freedom is for all who will accept it unconditionally.

- All sin must be given up (can't keep a pet sin).
- There cannot be any attempts to "help" Christ free and keep one saved.
- All must be in Christ, Christ must have that person from A to Z in life.
- There can be no terms or conditions.
- *"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."*

## CONCLUSION:

1. To all who are enslaved to sin and Satan: there is redemption - the ransom price is paid - the slave is free - believe it - accept it - act upon it - now go and prove it to be true.

2. Will you believe it? Accept it?