

SET FREE FROM SIN & LAW BY DEATH

Part 1 - SET FREE FROM SIN BY DEATH

Last Sunday, Merilee shared a great message about how we've been set free from sin and that we are now alive with a new perfect spirit.

This Sunday I would like to delve a little further into this subject and look at **HOW WE WERE SET FREE & WHAT HAPPENED ON THE CROSS THAT SET US FREE!**

BEING SET FREE FROM SIN is a standard theological statement of Christians.

We sing –

'I've been redeemed by the blood of The Lamb

Saved from sin and I know I am ...

ALL MY SINS ARE TAKEN AWAY, praise The Lord!'

E.g. A couple of weeks ago, we sang that song, 'Broken Vessels' which has the line,

'I've been set free, I've been set free ... Amazing Grace etc'

It's true, we know, **Jesus set us free from our sins** when he died on the cross ...

BUT DO WE KNOW HOW WE WERE SET FREE?

A COMMON MISCONCEPTION

SLIDE MANY PEOPLE HAVE THE CONCEPT THAT **ALL THE SINS OF THE WORLD WERE UNLEASHED ONTO JESUS ON THE CROSS & WHEN HE DIED HE KILLED THEM ALL ...**

I used to think that ...

(But if that is the case, why is there still sin in the world today and even in the believer's life?)

NO FRIENDS ...

JESUS WAS NOT BOMBARDED WITH ALL THE SINS OF THE WORLD UPON THE CROSS ...
AND JESUS DIDN'T WRESTLE THEM ALL INTO THE GRAVE AND DEFEAT THEM!

WHAT HAPPENED?

JESUS TOOK ON OUR SIN NATURE ON THE CROSS ...
JESUS TOOK 'OUR OLD MAN' – THAT SINNER WE WERE IN ADAM AND PUT 'OUR OLD MAN' TO DEATH WITH HIMSELF.
WE DIED WITH HIM.

Romans 6:6 NKJV **SLIDE**

Knowing this, that our old man [Adamic Man] was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

So, when you received Jesus as your Saviour ... this all came to pass in you spiritually ...

Romans 6:3 BSB

Aren't you aware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized *into His death?*

NB: Paul is not saying Baptism did anything.

But he is using baptism as the term for receiving Christ and believing ...

He's saying, when you were saved ... you were spiritually baptised into Christ's death and YOU died ...

Jesus took all our punishment and judgement.

But He also destroyed 'the body of sin' that had caused us to commit sins ...

And He 'did away with it forever!'

Jesus killed our sinful nature on the cross!

*WHEN YOU BELIEVED, YOUR OLD NATURE IN ADAM ... THAT DROVE YOU TO SIN and be a SLAVE of SIN WAS EXTRACTED FROM YOU AND BURIED WITH CHRIST.
PAUL USES THE ILLUSTRATION OF BAPTISM TO REPRESENT THE BURIAL OF OUR OLD SELF.*

NO LONGER A SLAVE TO SIN

NOW IN CHRIST ... WE ARE NO LONGER DRIVEN BY THAT SINFUL NATURE ...

IT IS DEAD & WE NOW ARE ABLE TO LIVE FREE.

Romans 6:6 NKJV **SLIDE**

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THIS CONCEPT OF OUR DEATH TO SIN HAS BEEN GROSSLY OVERLOOKED & MISUNDERSTOOD IN OUR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

E.g. We sang last week and this morning, 'Oh happy day ... when Jesus washed ... He washed my sins away.'

I understand the concept and it's great that we declare Jesus dealt with Our Sin on the cross ...

BUT THAT CONCEPT IS NOT ACCURATE.

LET ME SHOW YOU ...

(This next statement might be hard for some of you to grasp and believe, but let God show it to you - THE GOSPEL IS RADICAL)

SLIDE ON THE CROSS

- **JESUS DIDN'T TAKE OUR SINS AWAY FROM US ...**
- **JESUS TOOK US AWAY FROM OUR SINS**

SO, JESUS DID NOT WASH OUR SINS AWAY

IT'S LIKE THIS ...

SLIDE 1 *A Christian guy was walking along the street with his pastor when he saw Jimmy, one of his fellow church members, drunk and staggering down the street with a bottle in his hand. The Christian went up to him snatched the bottle from his hand and rebuked him.*

After this the pastor said to the Christian guy, 'Why did you do that?'

SLIDE 2 *The Christian answered saying, 'Pastor, don't you believe we should take the bottle away from the man?'*

SLIDE 3 *The pastor responded, 'I believe in taking the man away from the bottle!'*

The Bottle is like our 'SIN' and ...

- *If you take the bottle away from the man, the man remains unchanged. He will eventually go back to the bottle ...*
- *But if you execute the man with the drinking problem ... he will never have that problem again.*

*A ridiculous thought but that is what God did to us **IN CHRIST ON THE CROSS ...***

And yet somehow we still live – a New Man.

Galatians 2:20 BSB

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

THIS IS ANOTHER GREAT CHRISTIAN PHENOMENON – WE ARE DEAD AND YET WE LIVE!

JESUS TOOK US AWAY FROM OUR SINS, **BY OUR DEATH**

IT'S OUR DEATH THAT SET US FREE FROM SIN

Romans 6:7 CLV **SLIDE**

For he who has died is free from sin.

- *A dead man never swears or blasphemes*
- *A dead man doesn't get angry or insult people*
- *A dead man is not violent and never hurts anybody*
- *A dead man doesn't lust ... get drunk ... get tempted*

A DEAD MAN DOESN'T SIN BECAUSE HE CAN'T SIN

THIS WAS ALSO DEMONSTRATED BY JESUS AT HIS BAPTISM

John 1:29 NKJV **SLIDE**

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away **the sin** of the world!'*

We often hear this verse 'misquoted' as, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away **the SINS of the world!'**

NB: John didn't say Jesus takes away the **SINS [hamartiai](#) of the world, he said Jesus takes away the **SIN** ([hamartian](#)) of the world**

– SIN is singular ...

- SINS MEANS ... all our sinful acts
- SIN MEANS: **OUR SINFUL NATURE**

JOHN SAID, **JESUS IS GOING TO TAKE AWAY FROM US OUR SIN NATURE.**

THEN JESUS DEMONSTRATES HOW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN –

It's interesting, most Pictures of Jesus' Baptism have Him coming up out of the water ...

*Very few have Him **going down into The Water** ...*

And yet it's This Act that symbolizes HIS DEATH & OUR DEATH TO SIN ...

HE WAS BURIED IN BAPTISM SYMBOLISING NOT ONLY HIS DEATH BUT OUR DEATH – THE DEATH OF THE SIN NATURE.

Like The preacher in our story ... John is saying ...

The Lamb of God takes **the man of sin away** from the sin-bottle.

BUT THIS FREEDOM IS A TWO FOLD ACTION

Just as Jesus came up out of the water so ...

GOD ALSO RAISED US INTO NEW LIFE

❖ **GOD RAISED US AS A COMPLETELY NEW MAN**

GOD DID NOT RAISE A NEW VERSION OF THE OLD MAN. GOD LEFT THAT OLD MAN DEAD IN THE GRAVE AND RAISED A COMPLETELY NEW MAN (WHICH YOU ARE) INTO A NEW LIFE

Back to our brother with the drinking problem –

*If we could somehow give the man we killed a New Life with New desires ... he will be the original personality with a new life ... but one that has **NO DESIRE FOR THE BOTTLE***

And that's how it is for us ...

❖ **GOD ALSO RAISED THIS NEW MAN INTO A NEW REALM**

SLIDE

WE DIED IN ONE REALM – WE WERE RAISED INTO ANOTHER
Buried In Death in one realm – raised in Life in another

WE DIED IN A ‘SIN RIDDLED REALM’ ...
AND WE ROSE A NEW PERSON IN ANOTHER - A ‘SIN-FREE REALM’.

THIS NOW HAS SOME DRAMATIC INFERENCES

- ❖ **THIS NEW MAN IS UNTOUCHABLE BY SIN** (As Merilee shared last week)
SIN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR NEW MAN ANYMORE

WE NOW LIVE IN A SIN FREE REALM

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- ❖ **THIS NEW MAN IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SINS OF THE OLD MAN ...**
IN FACT, HE HAS NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH THE OLD MAN THAT DIED ...

OWNERSHIP OF SIN IS THE ISSUE

Christians still think that the sins of The Flesh belong to them – **CHRISTIANS NAIVELY OWN THEM**

THE SINS OF THE FLESH DON'T BELONG TO US ANYMORE

WE ARE NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE FOR SIN ANYMORE ...
BECAUSE WE ARE DEAD TO IT

LOOK AT THE AUDACITY OF PAUL IN ROMANS 7

Romans 7:17 NLT

So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

Romans 7:20 NLT **SLIDE**

*... If I do what I don't want to do, **I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.***

SO WHAT STILL SINS?

IT IS THE OUTWARD BODY ...THE FLESH

Romans 7:18 BSB

*I know that nothing good lives in me, **that is, in my flesh** ...*

WHEN WE SEE JESUS HAS TAKEN **US** COMPLETELY AWAY FROM SIN FOREVER ... WE WILL STOP TRYING TO GET RID OF SINS FROM OUR FLESH & OTHER'S FLESH ... WHICH IS A FUTILE THING

THE REVELATION OF THIS FINALITY OF THE OLD SINFUL NATURE & THE PURITY OF THE NEW SPIRITUAL NATURE HAS THE POWER TO OVERCOME THE FLESH

THIS IS RADICAL STUFF ... WHICH FLYS IN THE FACE OF 'SELF-SANCTIFICATION' – THE HOLINESS DOCTRINE ... TRYING TO BE BETTER

This cuts across what many traditional denominations teach!

Christians still wrestle with sin, wiping it away with some concept of repentance and continually trying to get rid of their sinful acts.

Fasting & praying ... doing programs ... seeking counsel ... getting prayer ...

IT DOESN'T WORK!

THIS IS A MAJOR POINT WHICH WILL CHANGE THE WAY WE TREAT OURSELVES AND OTHERS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

WE WILL STOP TRYING TO DEAL WITH OUR SINS & OTHER'S SINS WHEN WE SEE **IT'S NOT OUR SIN ANYMORE.**

THE SIN DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU ...

ON THE CROSS '**WE DIED TO SIN**'.

WE WILL START TEACHING THIS TRUTH.

THE UNMARKED GRAVE

Romans 6:4 NIV **SLIDE**

*We were therefore **buried** with him through baptism into death ...*

When I was preparing these images I went to use a gravestone ...

*But I felt The Holy Spirit correct me saying, '**Why use a gravestone?**'*

I SAW IT!

THIS MAN IS NOT TO BE REMEMBERED ...
THIS MAN DOESN'T HAVE AN IDENTITY.
THIS MAN IS NOT TO BE HONOURED.
THIS MAN IS TO BE DONE AWAY WITH AND FORGOTTEN
FOREVER.

THERE CAN BE NO GRAVESTONE FOR YOUR OLD MAN

WE BECOME UNCONSCIOUSNESS OF HIM

YOUR OLD MAN NOT ONLY DIED ... BUT HE WAS ALSO BURIED!
GONE & FORGOTTEN.

THE MEMORIES OF WHO YOU WERE NEED TO FADE.

WHEN WE FEEL LIKE WE USED TO BE ...

WHEN WE THINK LIKE WE USED TO THINK ...

WE KEEP VISITING THE GRAVE WITH FLOWERS

WE INDULGE IN DEEP FEELINGS OF OUR PAST FAILURE.

WE KEEP IT ALIVE IN US WITH ALL ITS EVIL WAYS ...

RETRAIN YOUR BRAIN

Romans 6:10-11 BSB **SLIDE**

The death He died, [Jesus] died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ So you too must count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

More and more I see that we need to keep declaring this message.
More and more ...

People return to their old way of thinking and feeling.

But you can Retrain your Brain to come in line with the Scripture.

THIS IS AN EXERCISE THAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED AT ...

IT NEEDS TO BE DONE (Romans 12:2)

My daughter was coming out of a difficult few years ...

She wrote positive steps forward and put them on the fridge and in her diary ...

And every day for months she would visit them and speak them ...

Until her brain was retrained.

OUR CONSCIOUSNESS ...

**WHAT ARE YOU CONSCIOUS OF?
YOUR CURRENT FAILURES?**

Perhaps you have been trying to not-sin because you haven't yet seen **YOU DIED & YOUR NEW LIFE CAN NEVER SIN.**

**BE CONSCIOUS OF THIS TRUTH.
Become aware of New Life...
Become unaware of The Old Man.
YOU ARE NO LONGER THAT PERSON.
THAT PERSON IS DEAD.**

*It's No Longer Me who's living ...
(Galatians 2:20)*

**OUR CONFESSION ...
Speaking and thinking differently**

*It's a wrong confession to say, 'I'm a sinner saved by Grace'.
I'm not a sinner saved by grace ... that sinner is dead.
I'm a saint Raised by Grace.*

*People who go to Alcoholics Anonymous confess that they are
alcoholics.*

***NOW I CAN NEVER SAY, I'M AN ALCOHOLIC ...
THAT OLD MAN IS DEAD AND GONE.
I'M A NEW CREATION.***

SUPPLEMENTAL

*You say, 'But our sins were placed on Jesus –
Isaiah 53:6 tells us 'The Lord laid on Him the 'iniquities' or 'sins' of
us all ...*

***But that is NOT CORRECT.
The word, 'Iniquity' here is ...***

𐤀𐤓𐤍 (ä-wōn) [Strong's 5771](#): Iniquity, **guilt, punishment for iniquity**

This tells us that Jesus suffered The Judgement of our sins on The Cross
HE IS OUR PROPITIATION.

JESUS DIDN'T DIE WITH EVERYONE'S SINS ON HIM ...
JESUS DIED WITH OUR 'SIN NATURE' AND SET US FREE FROM
OUR 'SIN NATURE' WE DIED TO SIN ON THE CROSS!