

**Every Chain Broken**

Acts 19:1: And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2: He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3: And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4: Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5: When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6: And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7: And all the men were about twelve.

Our ministering brethren make a decided failure of doing their work in a manner directed by the Lord. They fail to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. They have not gained an experience through personal communion with God, or a true knowledge of what constitutes Christian character; therefore many are baptized who have no fitness for this sacred ordinance, but who are knit to self and the world. They have not seen Christ or received Him by faith.--Review and Herald, Feb. 4, 1890

A Weakness in Our Evangelism.--The accession of members who have not been renewed in heart and reformed in life is a source of weakness to the church. This fact is often ignored. Some ministers and churches are so desirous of securing an increase of numbers that they do not bear faithful testimony against unchristian habits and practices. Those who accept the truth are not taught that they cannot safely be worldlings in conduct while they are Christians in name. Heretofore they were Satan's subjects; henceforth they are to be subjects of Christ. The life must testify to the change of leaders. Public opinion favors a profession of Christianity. Little self-denial or self-sacrifice is required in order to put on a form of godliness, and to have one's name enrolled upon the church book. Hence many join the church without first becoming united to Christ. In this Satan triumphs. Such converts are his most efficient agents. They serve as decoys to other souls. They are false lights, luring the unwary to perdition. It is in vain that men seek to make the Christian's path broad and pleasant for worldlings. God has not smoothed or widened the rugged, narrow way. If we would enter into life, we must follow the same path which Jesus and His disciples trod,--the path of humility, self-denial, and sacrifice.--Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 172. (1882)

Our Goal--Truly Converted Members.--Ministers who labor in towns and cities to present the truth should not feel content, nor that their work is ended, until those who have accepted the theory of the truth realize indeed the effect of its sanctifying power, and are truly converted to God. God would be better pleased to have six truly converted to the truth as the result of their labors, than to have sixty make a nominal profession, and yet not be thoroughly converted. These ministers should devote less time to preaching sermons, and reserve a portion of their strength to visit and pray with those who are interested, giving them godly instruction, to the end that they may "present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." {4T 317.1}

The test of discipleship is not brought to bear as closely as it should be upon those who present themselves for baptism. It should be understood whether those who profess to be converted are simply taking the name of Seventh-day Adventists, or whether they are taking their stand on the Lord's side to come out from the world and be separate and touch not the unclean thing. When they give evidence that they fully understand their position, they are to be accepted. But when they show that they are following the customs and fashions and sentiments of the world, they are to be faithfully dealt with. If they feel no burden to change their course of action, they should not be retained as members of the church. The Lord wants those who compose His church to be true, faithful stewards of the grace of Christ. {TM 128.1}

When the Former Baptism Does Not Satisfy.-- There are many at the present day who have unwittingly violated one of the precepts of God's law. When the understanding is enlightened, and the claims of the fourth commandment are urged upon the conscience, they see themselves sinners in the sight of God. "Sin is the transgression of the law" and "he that shall offend on one point is guilty of all." The honest seeker after truth will not plead ignorance of the law as an excuse for transgression. Light was within his reach. God's Word is plain, and Christ has bidden him search the Scriptures. He reveres God's law as holy, just, and good, and he repents of his transgression. By faith he pleads the atoning blood of Christ, and grasps the promise of pardon. His former baptism does not satisfy him now. He has seen himself a sinner, condemned by the law of God. He has experienced anew a death to sin, and he desires again to be buried with Christ by baptism, that he may rise to walk in newness of life. Such a course is in harmony with the example of Paul in baptizing the Jewish converts. That incident was recorded by the Holy Spirit as an instructive lesson for the church.--Sketches From the Life of Paul, p. 133. (1883)

I speak to our leading brethren, to our ministers, and especially to our physicians. Just as long as you allow pride to dwell in your hearts, so long will you lack power in your work. For years a wrong spirit has been cherished, a spirit of pride, a desire for pre-eminence. In this Satan is served, and God is dishonored. The Lord calls for a decided reformation. And when a soul is truly reconverted, let him be rebaptized. Let him renew his covenant with God, and God will renew His covenant with him. My brethren, show true repentance for departure from God. Let angels and men see that there is forgiveness of sin with God. Extraordinary power from God must take hold of Seventh-day Adventist churches. Reconversion must take place among the members, that as God's witnesses they may testify to the authoritative power of the truth that sanctifies the soul. Renewed, purified, sanctified, the church must be, else the wrath of God will fall upon them with much greater power than upon those who have never professed to be saints. {Lt63-1903}

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Said the angel, Can ye stand in the battle in the day of the Lord? Ye need to be washed and live in newness of life. (Then I saw those whose hands are now engaged in making up the breach and are standing in the gaps that have formally, since '44, broken the commandments of God and have so far followed the Pope as to keep the first day instead of the seventh, would have to go down into the water and be baptized in the faith of the shut door and keeping the commandments of God, and in the faith of Jesus coming to sit on the throne of His father David and to redeem Israel. I also saw those who have been baptized as a door into the professed churches will have to be baptized out of that door again, and into the faith mentioned above, and all who have not been baptized since '44, will have to be baptized before Jesus comes, and some will not gain progress now until that duty is done and then they must live anew unto God and serve him faithfully.) {Ms5-1850}

Acts 6:7: And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

# The Weight

- **Heb. 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

# Sold

- Isa. 50:1      Thus saith the LORD, Where [is] the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors [is it] to whom I have sold you? Behold, **for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves**, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

# Our Value

- Isa. 52:3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and **ye shall be redeemed without money.**
- Isa. 40:17 All nations before him [are] as nothing; and they are counted to him **less than nothing, and vanity.**
- Isa. 13:12 I will make a man **more precious than fine gold**; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

- Gen. 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, ...**ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**
- Ps. 73:6 Therefore **pride** compasseth them about as a **chain**; violence covereth them [as] a garment.

# Pride Knows Better Than God

- **Hence, the word of God says,**
  - **“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:” 2Cor 6:14**
  - **“Abstain from all appearance of evil.” 1Thes 5:22**
  - **“Flee also youthful lusts:...” 2Tim 2:22**
- **I don’t need God to direct me. I can direct myself. I know what is best for my life.**
- **Yes, I know what God’s word says, but I know myself and I would not have any problems by indulging my feelings just a little.**

# Abuse of Freedom

- **Departure from God's word is not freedom. This is abuse of freedom. **We abuse freedom by,****
- Viewing what God does not want for us to see
- Listening to what God does not want for us to hear
- Speaking those things that God has not given us to speak
- Eating those things that God has forbidden of us to eat

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- Touching those things that God has told us to stay away from
- Going the places where God has said we should not go
- Associating with those whom God has said would cause us problems
- Being involve in any activity that God forbids

# Bondage

- Abuse of freedom inevitably leads to bondage. We know we are in bondage when despite of desire, **we have no power enabling us to**
  - Submit to God's will
  - Read God's word
  - Congregate with God's people
  - Pray to the Lord daily
  - Work for the salvation of others
  - Love those who are unlovable
  - Be patient with those who are unreasonable

# A Slave Sold Under Sin

- Rom. 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: **but I am carnal, sold under sin.** 7:15  
For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.  
7:16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that [it is] good. 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 7:18 For I **know** that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to **will** is present with me; but [how] to perform that which is good I find not.

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- Rom. 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.  
7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.  
7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 7:22 For I **delight** in the law of God after the inward man: 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into **captivity** to the law of sin which is in my members.

# A Slave Sold Under Sin

- Rom. 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from **the body of this death?**
- 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

# The Bible Says,

- **Prov. 21:2** Every way of a man [is] right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.
- **Prov. 3:7** Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
- **Prov. 14:12** There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.

## Listen to God's Voice

- **Isa. 30:21** And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This [is] the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

# To Believe Satan's Word,

- Is to forsake God's word
- Is to believe in your own ability to discern between right and wrong
- Is to live in a state of self-deception
- Is to be in a state of bondage believing you are free
- Is to be a willing slave to sin despite its inevitable consequences
- Is to be an unwilling slave to Satan and can't break free from his shackles – That bad habit

# Jesus Came to Break Every Chain

- Luke 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; **he hath sent me** to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, **to set at liberty them that are bruised**, 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

# Jesus Came to Set The Captives Free

- **Only Liberated People can**
  - **Bring the Reformation to a climax**
  - **Carry the Gospel of Freedom to the World**
  - **Preach the Loud Cry of the third angel's message**
  - **Live the last message of Mercy in a rebellious world**
  - **Stand in the last great Crisis of the ages**
  - **Die for the cause of the Lord**
  - **Be used by God to set others free**

# God Sees It All

- **Prov. 15:3**      **The eyes of the LORD [are] in every place, beholding the evil and the good.**
- **Heb. 4:13**      **Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [are] naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.**

# God Sees It All

- **Ps. 139:1** O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known [me]. **139:2** Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. **139:3** Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted [with] all my ways. **139:4** For [there is] not a word in my tongue, [but], lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. **139:5** Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

# And He Comes to Deliver

- **Exo 3:7** And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which [are] in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; **3:8** And **I am come down to deliver** them out of the hand of the Egyptians, ...

# God is The Deliverer

- **Exo. 14:9** But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses [and] chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon. **14:10**
- **And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.**

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- **Exo. 14:13** And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. **14:14** The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

# The Lord Shall Fight For you,

- **When you have to deal with a difficult spouse**
- **When you have to deal with unruly children**
- **When you have to work with unkind and obscene work-mates**
- **When you have to fellowship with imperfect church members**
- **When you have to council with unreasonable church leaders**
- **When you have to stand for the right in all circumstances**
- **When in time of recession your house goes into foreclosure and you have to walk away from it.**

# And Ye Shall Hold Your Peace

- **Isa. 54:17** No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue [that] shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This [is] the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness [is] of me, saith the LORD.

# God Delivers From The Egyptians

- **What is your Egyptian? God comes to save from all Egyptian. Our basic Egyptian is our self.**
- **He makes the harlot into a virgin**
- **He makes the thief into a giver**
- **He makes the dishonest honest**
- **He makes the disloyal loyal**
- **He makes the murderer into life preserver**
- **He delivers us from the worst of all tyrants - self**
- **He transforms us from the core of our nature**

# When Your Experience is One of Constant Defeat

- **Remember,**
  - Christ is the Savior
  - Christ is the Redeemer
  - Christ is the Deliverer
  - Christ is the **ANSWER!**
- **Paul Says,**
- **Act4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

# Christ Says,

- **Isa. 1:16** Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; **1:17** Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. **1:18** Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

# Christ Delivers from the Chains of

- **Rom 1:29 ...all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,**

# He Delivered Us From Being

- **Romans 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:**

# He Saves From Works of the Flesh

- **Gal. 5:19 ...; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings,**

# In Christ, We are made

- Col. 1:22...holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:
- Paul says,
- Col. 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 3:10 And have put on the new [man], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

## Again He Says,

- **1Cor. 6:11 ...: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**

# Jesus Invites us says,

- **Mat. 11:28** Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **11:29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. **11:30** For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light.

# He Desires To Break Every Chain

- **Come to Him and**
  - He will break the chain of **pornography**
  - He will break the chain of **Masturbation**
  - He will break the chain of **fornication**
  - He will break the chain of **adultery**
  - He will break the chain of **undue familiarity**
  - He will break the chain of **flirting**
  - He will break the chain of **every sinful indulgence**

# He Desires To Break Every Chain

- **Come to Him and**

- He will break the chains of depression, discouragement, sadness, unhappiness, impatience, anger, frustration, self-justification, self-condemnation, self-defense, fear, cowardice, bitterness, resentment, uncertainty, grief, shame and blame.

# Paul Says,

- **2Cor 2:14** Now thanks [be] unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.
- **Jude 1:24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, **1:25** To the only wise God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.

# In Christ Every Satanic Chain is Broken

- "And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem, rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" [Zechariah 3:2]. Unworthy though they may be for His great work, the Lord Jesus manifests to the enemy that they are accepted through the righteousness of One who has resisted every satanic art and device. {20MR 189.5}

# In Christ Every Satanic Chain is Broken

- ...the faithful gospel worker need not fear defeat at the hand of the enemy; for it is his privilege to be endued with power from above to withstand every satanic influence.  
{AA 167.3}

# Freedom – Heritage of God's People

- **God assures us freedom from the flesh**
- **God assures us freedom from the world**
- **God assures us freedom from the devil**
- **God assures us freedom from the power of sin**
- **God assures us freedom from the dominion of sin**

# Freedom – Heritage of God's People

- And one day, in heaven, God assures us freedom from the very presence of Sin.



For a time many of the churches welcomed his labors; but as they decided against the Advent truth, they desired to suppress all agitation of the subject. **Those who had accepted the doctrine were thus placed in a position of great trial and perplexity.** They loved their churches, and were loth to separate from them; but as they were ridiculed and oppressed, denied the privilege of speaking of their hope, or of attending preaching upon the Lord's coming, many at last arose and cast off the yoke which had been imposed upon them. {4SP 237.1}



- I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant. {EW 261.1}