

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



“Proclaiming Freedom in Christ”

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LIVING RESPONSIBLY BEFORE CHRIST AND MEN – PART 8/CHRIST PURCHASED YOUR FREEDOM

1 Peter 2:16, “Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. The King James Bible translates 1 Peter 2: 15-16 as, “For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.”

In Romans 6, you are told to “Consider Something” – the wages of sin, eternal death vs. the gift of God, eternal life. In Romans 8:6 we read, “The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the [Holy] Spirit is life and peace.”

At the very moment life is conceived an eternal soul is created. The fact is everyone will live forever, in hell or in the very presence of God, with Christ and all who enslaved themselves in service to the King of kings.

Proclaiming freedom in Christ before those who live in the United States of America requires Christians to live responsibly before God and the eyes of mankind. It begins with proclaiming and enjoying the liberties God has given us through our “Founding Fathers” and by changing our enslavement from being in bondage to sin to becoming

ing Bond Servants to the Lord Jesus Christ.

While attending a slave auction, President Abraham Lincoln took notice of a beautiful black

lady who was standing upon the auction block. Men were bidding aggressively hoping to purchase this beautiful woman. Lincoln was convinced that the men were

not interested in anything but making her their plaything, a person on whom they could indulge their lust. According to Dr. Rogers, President Lincoln was able to purchase the woman, even though it was not her will to be purchased and owned by anyone. After laying down the price, President Lincoln took the lady aside and told her she was now free to go, she would no longer be in slavery to man’s abuses. Instead of exercising her freedom to leave, in her freedom, she chose to stay with Mr. Lincoln and serve him freely. Even though she did not ask him to make this gesture, she stayed to show her thanks.

Everyday our spiritual heart is on the auction block, and Satan who takes mankind and does with them whatever he chooses, is bidding for our soul. Jesus Christ paid the highest price possible for our freedom to choose whom we would be enslaved to.

Be like the beautiful black lady on the auction block in President Lincoln’s time. Because of his purchase of her and the giving of her freedom, she chose to serve Mr. Lincoln. Christ purchased your freedom with His own blood. Choose to be enslaved to Him.



The smell of a loaf of bread baking...an aroma that promises of things to come. Yet the smell of baking bread requires that we follow the recipe, be patient as it rises, and have faith the combination of ingredients will emerge as a golden, delicious loaf.

Our life with God is much the same. As we follow His Word and wait patiently while He works His way in our hearts, we can come to believe in His wisdom and begin to realize a life of peaceful satisfaction.

Worship in God’s house each week; through faith and patience you can grow to your full potential.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
1 Samuel 8:1-22	1 Samuel 9:1-27	1 Samuel 10:1-27	1 Samuel 11:1-15	1 Samuel 12:1-25	1 Samuel 15:1-35	1 Samuel 16:1-23
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society						
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