

He Has Set Us Free From the Yoke of Bondage

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"For the freedom of us **Christ has set us free**. Therefore, stand-firm, and **do-not** again entangle yourselves in a yoke of bondage (slavery). Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man who is circumcised, that he is someone-in-debt to do (to perform) the whole law. You have become ineffective (separated) from Christ, whoever in the Law are self-justifying (yourselves); **you have fallen from grace!** For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness **by faith**. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision; **but faith working through love**." (Galatians 5:1-6)

Freedom: from the Greek word **eleutheria** a noun, which mean: freedom, liberty, especially: a state of freedom from slavery; to set free, to liberate. (Bible Hub: "In the New Testament, "**eleutheria**" primarily denotes the state of being free, particularly in a spiritual or moral sense. It is often used to describe the freedom that believers have in Christ, which liberates them from the bondage of sin and the constraints of the Mosaic Law. This freedom is not a license for immorality but a call to live righteously and serve one another in love.")

Us: from the Greek word **hemas** which means: of-us; speaking of believers in Christ Jesus.

Christ: from the Greek word **Christos** which means: Christ; meaning the 'Anointed-one' and equivalent to the Hebrew title Messiah. In context: Jesus the Christ is the 'One' and only Anointed-One who can set people free from the bondage of the Law and sin.

Has-Set-Free: from the Greek word **eleutherosen** a verb, which means: to set free, to liberate; properly, to be set free, or released from bondage or slavery; (Bible Hub: The verb "**eleutheroo**" is used in the New Testament to denote the act of setting someone free or liberating them from bondage or oppression. It often carries a spiritual connotation, referring to liberation from sin, the law, or spiritual death through the work of Jesus Christ.")

Yoke: from the Greek word **zugos** which means: a yoke; (the wooden structure placed upon a pair of working oxen); figuratively: bondage to and under the Law, and sin. (Bible Hub: " In a broader sense, it symbolizes servitude, burden, or bondage. In the New Testament, it is often used metaphorically to describe the obligations or burdens placed upon individuals, whether by religious law, societal expectations, or spiritual commitments.")

Bondage: from the Greek word **douleias** which means: slavery, bondage, servitude; (Derived from **doulos**, meaning "a slave" or "a servant.") (Bible Hub: "The term "**douleia**" primarily refers to the condition or state of being a slave or in servitude. In the New Testament, it is often used metaphorically to describe spiritual bondage or subjection, particularly in contrast to the freedom found in Christ. It conveys the idea of being under the control or dominion of another, whether it be sin, the law, or fear.")

That Jesus would set us free from the yoke of bondage was prophesied by God through the prophet Isaiah as follows:

"The Spirit of the **Lord GOD** is upon Me (speaking of Jesus the Christ-Messiah); because the **LORD has anointed Me** to preach good tidings unto the humble; He has sent Me to bind up the **brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound**; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to appoint unto those who mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise **for the spirit of heaviness**; so that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, so that **He might be glorified**." (Isaiah 61:1-3)

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Jesus, Himself, applied this prophecy to Himself:

“And He (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of **the Lord (God)** is upon **Me**, because **He has anointed Me** to preach the Good-news to the poor; **He has sent Me** to heal the brokenhearted, to preach **deliverance (freedom) to the captives**, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set **at liberty** those who are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.' And **He** closed the book, and **He** gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of **all those** who were in the synagogue were fixed on **Him**. And **He** began to say unto them, 'This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.' (Luke 4:16-21)

Please also consider this discussion that Jesus had with the people:

“Then said they unto **Him**, 'Who are You?' And **Jesus** said unto them, 'Even the **same** who I said unto you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you; but He (the Father) who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard **from Him**.' They did not understand that **He** spoke to them of the Father. Then Jesus said unto them, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you shall know that **I am He**, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things. And **He** who sent Me **is with Me**. The Father has not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please **Him**. As **He** spoke these words, many believed on Him. Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on Him, 'If you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed; and you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free.' They answered Him, 'We are Abraham's seed (descendants), and were never in bondage to any man; how do You say, 'You shall be made free?' Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'Whoever commits sin is the slave (doulos) of sin. And the slave abides not in the house forever; but the Son abides forever. Therefore, if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.' " (John 8:23-34)

Jesus offers believers His 'yoke' instead: rest, freedom, and liberty in Christ Jesus:

“At that time Jesus answered and said, 'I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hid these things from the wise and prudent, and has revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things are delivered unto Me by My Father: and no man knows the Son, but the Father; neither knows any man the Father, except the Son, and to him to whomsoever the Son will reveal (the Father). **Come unto Me**, all you who labor **and are heavy laden**, and **I will give you rest**. Take **My yoke upon you**, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For **My yoke is easy**, and **My burden is light**.' (Matthew 11:25-30)

Truly, truly, Jesus sets us free from a lifetime of bondage! Please consider the following:

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels **for the suffering of death**, crowned with glory and honor; so that **He** by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became Him (Jesus), for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Author of their Salvation (Jesus) perfect through sufferings. For both **He** who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all of One; for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, '*I will declare Your Name unto My brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto You.*' (Psalm 22:22) And again, '*I will put my trust in Him.*' (Isaiah 8:17) And again, '*Behold I and the children which God has given to Me.*' (Isaiah 8:18) Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; so that through death **He** might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and **deliver (set free) those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage**. (Hebrews 2:9-15)

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The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Christians in Rome, also discussed this as follows:

"Do you not know, that **to whom** you yield yourselves as **slaves (or servants)** to obey, his slaves you are to whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you **were** the slaves of sin, **but-now** you have obeyed from the heart that form of teaching which was delivered you. Being then **set free from sin**, you became the slaves of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the weakness of your flesh; for as you have yielded your members slaves to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now **yield** your members as **slaves** to righteousness unto holiness. For when you were the slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. What fruit you had then in those things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death! But now **being set free from sin**, and becoming slaves (servants) to God, you have your fruit unto holiness, and the end-result: **Everlasting Life**. For the wages of sin is death; but **the gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**" (Romans 6:16-23)

"But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and **bringing me into captivity (bondage)** to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! **Who shall deliver me (set me free)** from the body of this death? 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." (Romans 7:23-25)

"There is therefore now no condemnation **to those who are in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit**. For the Law of the Spirit of Life **in Christ Jesus** has made **me free** from the Law of sin and death. For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, **and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh**; so that the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For those who are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but **those who are after the Spirit the things of Spirit.**" (Romans 8:1-5)

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation waits for the manifestation (revealing) **of the sons (children) of God**. For the creation was made subject to futility, not willingly, but by reason of Him who has subjected the same **in hope**; because the creation itself also **shall be delivered (set free)** from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God**. For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit; even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the **redemption** of our body." (Romans 8:18-23)

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To proclaim liberty to the captives !

And the opening of the prison doors to those who are bound !

Even from the yoke of sin, and the bondage of failure to perfectly obey the Law !

There is therefore now no more condemnation to those of us who are in Christ Jesus !

I thank You Father God for setting me free through Jesus Christ my Lord !!

I thank You Christ Jesus that Your yoke is easy, and Your burden is light !!

I thank You for delivering me into the Glorious Liberty of the children of God !!

All Praise, and Glory, and Honor, be to You – Father Son and Holy Spirit !!!

Truly Truly ! Forever and Ever ! Always and Always ! Amen !