

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2007**

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Twenty-Nine

Their Present—Freed and Saved

Scripture Reading: Matt. 11:28-30; Luke 4:18-19; John 8:32, 36; Acts 26:18; Gal. 5:1

I. The Lord Jesus has freed us from the bondage of sin and Satan and has become our jubilee, our real freedom—Luke 4:18-19; Acts 26:18:

- A. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from our sins—Matt. 1:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17; Rev. 2:7; cf. John 8:34; Rom. 6:17; 7:14.
- B. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from the power of sin—John 8:32, 36; Rom. 6:6-7, 14, 18, 22; 8:2:
 - 1. He is the One who can condemn and forgive sin—John 8:10-11.
 - 2. He is the One who can set people free from sin, the One who is the light of the world and the Giver of the light of life, the great I Am, the Son of Man lifted up, and the reality of God—vv. 12, 24, 28, 58, 32, 36.
- C. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from the curse of the law, the consequence of the law—Gal. 3:13; Gen. 3:14, 17-18; Matt. 27:29; Rev. 22:3; 1 Cor. 16:22; cf. 2:9.
- D. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from the custody of the law—Gal. 4:4-5; 3:23-26; Rom. 7:1-6.
- E. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from the bondage of the law, the yoke of slavery—vv. 7-11; Gal. 5:1, 13; 2:4; 2 Cor. 3:16-18.
- F. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from the toil and burden under the law or religion or under any work or responsibility—Matt. 11:28-30.
- G. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from the flesh—Col. 2:10-11; Rom. 6:6; 7:24; 8:6.
- H. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from the old man—Col. 3:5, 9; Rom. 6:4.
 - I. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from Satan's oppression and from his authority of darkness—Luke 4:18; Matt. 12:18-20; Luke 13:10-17; Acts 10:38; Col. 1:12-13; Acts 26:18; cf. 1 John 5:19; 2 Tim. 2:26.
 - J. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from the course of this age with the world's temptations—1 John 2:15-16; Eph. 2:1-6; Rom. 12:2.
 - K. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from the religious world and its elements—Gal. 1:4; 6:14-15; Col. 2:8, 20-23.
 - L. Christ, our Emancipator, has freed us from our vain manner of life—1 Pet. 1:18-19, 15.

II. We have been eternally saved by God; all the effects, benefits, and issues of our salvation are of an eternal nature, transcending the conditions and limitations of time—Heb. 5:9; Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:9, 13; cf. 1 Cor. 3:15:

- A. We were saved by God in His Divine Trinity—1 Tim. 1:1; Titus 3:4-6; Luke 15:4-32; Eph. 2:18:

1. The Father is the origin of our salvation (2 Thes. 2:13), the Son is the element, the sphere, and the means in which we are saved (1 John 4:14; 1 Tim. 1:15), and the Spirit is the application of our salvation (Titus 3:5).
 2. Thus, God as our salvation is the fountain, Christ is the springs of salvation for our enjoyment and experience, and the Spirit is the flow of this salvation within us—Isa. 12; John 4:14; Rev. 21:6; 7:17.
- B. When we believed into Christ, we were eternally saved—redeemed and regenerated—passing out of death into life—Rom. 3:24; John 1:12-13; 3:16, 36.
- C. Our salvation is assured by the word of God (1 John 5:13; Heb. 9:15-16), by the Spirit witnessing with our spirit (Rom. 8:16), and by our loving the brothers (1 John 3:14; 4:16; 5:1).
- D. According to the revelation of the Bible, the security of our salvation is demonstrated by the following twelve items—vv. 11-13:
1. Our salvation is secured by the invariable God—James 1:17.
 2. Our salvation is secured by God’s unchanging will—Eph. 1:5; John 6:39.
 3. Our salvation is secured by God’s inseparable love—1 John 4:10; Rom. 8:35-39.
 4. Our salvation is secured by God’s irrevocable calling—Eph. 1:4; John 15:16; 2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 11:29.
 5. Our salvation is secured by God’s unchallengeable justification—1:16-17; 3:26; 8:33; Psa. 89:14.
 6. Our salvation is secured by God’s almighty hand—John 10:29; Psa. 89:13.
 7. Our salvation is secured by God’s eternal life—John 3:15-16, 36; 10:28.
 8. Our salvation is secured by God’s unbreakable covenant—Heb. 8:8-13; Psa. 89:34.
 9. Our salvation is secured by Christ’s perfect and complete redemption—Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:12; 10:10, 12, 14.
 10. Our salvation is secured by Christ’s eternal salvation—5:9; 7:25.
 11. Our salvation is secured by Christ’s mighty hand—John 10:28b.
 12. Our salvation is secured by Christ’s unfailing promise—6:37.

III. Clearance of the past is an issue of our enjoyment of God’s salvation:

- A. Clearance of the past is not required for our initial salvation, but it is needed for a better Christian life; if we follow the leading of the Lord within us to clear the past, we shall be enlivened, enlightened, strengthened, satisfied, peaceful, secure, and full of the presence of the Lord; then we will be able to follow the Lord in our Christian life without dragging—Heb. 2:1; 6:12; 12:1-2.
- B. Clearance of the past is not accomplished by teaching but by the move of the Spirit within us according to the sense of life—Rom. 8:6.
- C. The clearing of the past is to abandon idols and the things related to idol worship—1 Thes. 1:9; 1 John 5:21; Jer. 2:13; Ezek. 14:3; cf. Isa. 53:2.
- D. The clearing of the past is to destroy the demonic and dirty things—the improper things—Acts 19:18-19.
- E. The clearing of the past is to make restitution of base gains—Luke 19:1-10; cf. 18:22-27.
- F. If we have a thorough clearing of the past, the way will be prepared for us to live the Christian life by enjoying Christ as our jubilee to have a life full of enjoying the Lord, a life full of joy and praises for the building up of the Body of Christ in the church life—1 Thes. 5:16-18.