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INTRODUCTION

Israel was in Egypt as slaves when God mightily delivered them

(Exodus 6:6)

"Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.'"

God provided a way for Israel to escape the judgment that would come upon Egypt

(Exodus 12:3, 21-23)

3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. 22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning." 23 For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

- "A lamb for a household" – salvation is for you and your family

(Acts 16:31)

So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

- The Blood on the doorpost – life is in the blood

(Leviticus 17:11)

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul."

(Hebrews 9:22)

"And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission."

- When He sees the Blood, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer into your house

- The destroyer is the evil one – Satan and his demons
 - He is a robber, kills and destroys (John 10:10)

- The Lord passes over – Our Shield and Protector

(Psalm 115:9)

"O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.

- The Lord will pass over those who have the Blood
 - The wages of sin is death
 - An innocent life has to be given for sin to be forgiven

(1 Peter 1:18-19)

"18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

(Ephesians 1:7)

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

WE NEED TO BE SAVED FROM THE CURSE OF SIN WHICH IS DEATH

- We were born in sin

(Psalm 51:5) David said,

"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."

- We need to be born again

(John 3:7) Jesus said to Nicodemus,

"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' This is how you and I receive our salvation.

(Romans 6:17)

"But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered."

(Romans 10:9-10)

"9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

HAVING BEEN BORN AGAIN IS ONE THING, LIVING AS AN OVERCOMER IS ANOTHER

We are to live as over-comers

Jesus speaking to the 7 churches says to all:-

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes"

- Church of Ephesus

(Revelation 2:7)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

- Church of Smyrna

(Revelation 2:11)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

- Church of Pergamos

(Revelation 2:17)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

- Church of Thyatira

(Revelation 2:26)

"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations"

- Church of Sardis.

(Revelation 3:5)

"He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."

- Church of Philadelphia

(Revelation 3:12)

"He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name."

- Church of Laodicea

(Revelation 3:21)

"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."

LIFE IS A JOURNEY AND THOSE WHO ENDURE TO THE END WILL BE SAVED

(Matthew 10:22)

"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved."

- The children of Israel failed in the wilderness
- Satan will test us
- Living the Christ-life in this world is a challenge

(Galatians 2:20) Paul said,

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

HOW DO WE HANDLE THE SIN THAT WAS DONE TO US THAT LEFT MARKS AND SCARS? ARE WE DELIVERED AND HAVE WE FORGIVEN THEM?

- We may be victims of abuse and affected emotionally, mentally and physically
- We may be born-again, baptized etc. but still captive to emotions, negative attitudes and bad habits (bondages).
- We may be saved but living out what others have done to us as a predator or continuing to behave like a victim
 - The wilderness was the place for Israel to be over-comers of their lifestyle of slavery but they continued to live with the habits, desires and the lifestyle of an abuser or victim.
 - The world is the place for you to be over-comers.
 - The life of the believer is to demonstrate the life of Christ.

YOU ARE SAVED BUT NOT LIVING THE LIFE OF AN OVER-COMER

(Romans 7:24-25) Paul says,

“O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 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”

Change your mind set and serve God - 3 steps to take

(Romans 12:1-2)

“1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

- Step One : Present your body

(Romans 6:11-13)

“11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

- Step Two: Do not conform
(Philippians 4:13)
Say like Paul, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”
- Step Three: Be transformed by the renewing of your mind

(Philippians 4:8-9) Think on these things

- Whatever things are true,
- Whatever things are noble,
- Whatever things are just,
- Whatever things are pure,
- Whatever things are lovely,
- Whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy
- The things which you learned and received and heard and saw, these things do.

CONCLUSION

You may be alive but unable to live the Christ-life until you are freed mentally and emotionally, healed physically and delivered from bondage.

Illustration - The story of Lazarus (John 11:38-44)

- He was brought to life but bound
- His body could not express the new life Jesus gave him because he was still bound by dead man's clothes.
- Your life is tied up by the clothes of your past lifestyle
- Jesus can set you free!

(John 8:36)

“Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

- Forgive and seek deliverance by renewing your mind with what the Bible teaches.
- Act your faith - You can do all things through Christ, who strengthens you!