

Title : Saved but Bound Part 2
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Two illustrations on what is to be “Saved but Bound”

1. The salvation of Israel

“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. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. 13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt”
(Exodus 12: 3, 5-7, 13)

We are free from the power of sin that enslaved us (redeemed) but Egypt (worldliness) is not out of us

- John wrote to the Christians (Redeemed)

“15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world” (1 John 2:15-16)

- Israel came out of Egypt but had intense craving for the lifestyle of Egypt

“4 Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: “Who will give us meat to eat? 5 We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6 but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!” (Numbers 11:4-6)

Redeemed - saved by the Blood of the Lamb but bound by sinful lifestyle and living with a slave mentality.

2. Lazarus and his grave clothes

“42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go” (John 11:42-44)

○ Lazarus was given life but was bound

▪ The parable of the prodigal son

- Younger son was outright sinner
- The older son who lived with his father was equally living a life that was not pleasing to the father
 - He was not the prodigal – he was a son, but he lived as one who was bound
 - He had a slave mentality.

“He said, ‘29’Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!” (Luke 15:29-30, (NIV))

- What was the sin of the older son -anger, strife and unforgiveness.

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him” (Luke 15:28, (NIV))

“The Bible says, “for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires” (James 1:20)

Anger of man produces strife, division, hatred, jealousy and etc.

Cain murdered his brother (Genesis 4: 6-8)

“19 “When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evils results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, 20 idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outburst of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group” (Galatians 5:19-20, (NLT))

○ Jesus told His disciples to loose him

For this purpose, Jesus established the Church

- Jesus gave gifts to the Church

“11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-13)

- The preaching and teaching of God’s Word – the Truth will set you free.
- He gave us the Holy Spirit

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

○ To be liberated is a process

“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” (Romans 12:1-2)

○ Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God

“Paul says, 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” (Galatians 2:20)

○ Do not conform to this world

Renew your mind

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7)

○ Think of these things

“8 Finally, brethren, 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—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:8-9)

James gives us 5 descriptions (steps) of a renewed mind

“18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. 19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and

overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was” (James 1:18-24)

- Be swift to hear
- Slow to speak and to wrath
- Lay aside all filthiness and wickedness
- Receive with meekness the implanted Word
- Be a doer of the Word. Trust in the Lord and rejoice!

Conclusion

“1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it” (Hebrews 4:1-2)

- The mixing of the Word and Faith is obedience.
- Obedience means blessings!