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

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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.
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.
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.


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.