

## **THE LORD'S FREEMAN Tape #964**

I do not know yet if this is going to develop into a series of two or three or if this is the only night I'm going to do this. But I'm sure with the Corps it's going to be developed within the next several weeks. Tonight I'd like to share something about the Lord's freeman. I forget when I first used the phrase-; among our people that- sort of caught on when I said you are born to live; you are born again to serve. In our first birth we received our natural life and that natural life will be ours for all the years that we live. But in the second birth we received Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and we received . eternal life. Eternal life is for all the years we live, and that's eternal. The natural life, sixty, seventy, eighty, I don't know how many years, but that's the end of it. But if you have eternal life, if you're born again, you will have it throughout all eternity, in my mind it's absolute stupidity for any man to remain just a natural man when eternal life is available to all men.

(Example of Justin Wilson)

This matter of the Lord's freeman is not just to be born to live. But if you were not born to live you could not be born again. The second birth is primarily a birth to serve.

John 3:1-4

John 3:5

"born of water" - first birth, natural birth

"of the spirit" - second birth

John 3 ». 6

"that which is born of the flesh is flesh" - That's the natural man. It will always be flesh. "That which is born of the spirit" will always be spirit. The first is natural; the second is eternal life.

John 3:7-12

John 3:13

"which is in heaven" - Scratched in all texts

John 3:14

John 3:15

"not perish but" - Deleted in texts

John 3:16-19

There's one of the great records in God's Word regarding the natural man who needs to get born again. The teaching is very simple, very plain and very easy. Our first birth gives us natural life as long as we live. Our second birth gives us eternal life as long as we live, and that eternal life is throughout all eternity. People love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil, and that's why they do not desire to be born again. A man must be born again in order to have eternal life..

This becomes singularly significant because in our day and in our culture many people are teaching that this is all there is to life. So cheat, do anything you want to because when your life is over with, that's all that is to it. I do not believe that. I believe it's a lie from the pit of hell. I believe all that is fashioned by the Adversary because the Word of God teaches that there is a God and there is His son, Jesus Christ, and that every man is going to be resurrected or raised and all men are going to appear before God. I believe the Bible is the truth.

This is why I believe that every man should be born again, and it's absolutely stupidity on the part of a natural man just to remain a natural man when eternal life is made available to all *men* through Jesus Christ. Whosoever will *may come*.

#### I Timothy 2:5

God is Spirit. Men are natural, human. That which is flesh is flesh. That which is spirit is spirit. God is Spirit (John 4:24). How is He going to reach man down here who is flesh? He did it through His wonderful son Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the mediator, the man Christ Jesus. Not the God Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ was never God and never will be. He's the son of God. The man Christ Jesus, the mediator between God and men. To have a mediator you have to have at least somebody here and somebody there. Nobody can mediate for one. You can mediate only if you have two or more. Mediator means one standing at least between. God and man and in between God and man stands the man, Christ Jesus, who mediates for us so that the natural man can be born again.

On that historic day when Paul and Silas were in the jail in Philippi in Acts 16 was a remarkable day because this record of the teaching of God's Word in Philippi was the first appearance of the greatness of God's Word in the European continent by the Apostle Paul, Timothy and Silas and Luke and others that were with him. On this great occurrence at that time the thing that happened when the earthquake occurred in Acts 16 and the Philippian jailor who had been in charge of Paul and Silas saw what had happened.

#### Acts 16:29

(Cigarette joke)

#### Acts 16:30

This is fantastic. The prison was loaded with other prisoners, but two men had been praying at midnight and singing songs. Then came that earthquake, and that was the most unique dynamically directed earthquake God ever put in existence I think, because it racked and ruined the prison. It shook the foundations of it but it did not cave it in. You want to explain that one? The doors opened and this Philippian jailor came running in. He didn't come to the rest of the prisoners; he came to the two men that had answers and said, "Sir, what must I do to be saved"? That's the key. Gets to be real personal, doesn't it? That's why I said I think" it's the height of stupidity for any natural man to remain unsaved when eternal life is available to all men. I wouldn't take a chance being a natural man, even if I didn't believe in the Bible, I'd get born again for the fun of it just to be sure I had an insurance policy, for eternal life. Rufus Mosely used to say it's heaven going to heaven even if there was no heaven after you got there, because we're having the best time going some place that isn't there after we're supposed to get there. He had that all figured out.

The man said, Sir what must I do to be saved? The natural man has got to get saved. Paul

said we'll have a little party at the church, etc. No.

Acts 16 :31,32

Every man needs to get born again, because when you are born into this world, you're just a natural man, natural child of body and soul, flesh only. And flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God, so a man has to get born again because he's got to get the spirit of God.

Isaiah 53:4-6

He laid on him the iniquity of us all, without exception, every man. That's why that record in John 3 is so fantastic. Whosoever believeth because it's fully paid for. Any man can get born again, get saved. Jesus Christ is able to save to the uttermost. It's upon Jesus and all you have to do to make it your own is to accept him as your personal Lord and Savior and that gives you eternal life.

Ephesians 2:1-3

By nature the children of wrath, because the flesh is not God. God is Spirit; flesh is flesh. The natural man is naturally a child of the world, not a child of God until he gets born again.

Ephesians 2:4-10

The only way the natural man can receive eternal life is that he must be born again.

Romans 10:9

Gives us the great reality of it.

I Corinthians 1:21

The world by wisdom knew not God, because God is Spirit. The man of the flesh is flesh. The man of the flesh cannot know God because God is Spirit. The only way you can know Spirit is to get it. You must be born again.

"by the foolishness of preaching" - When you look at it from a sense knowledge point of view, it looks real foolish. Therefore, by the foolishness of preaching, teaching the accuracy of God's Word, it's to save them that do one thing, believe.

I John 3:2

We move from just being natural men through the new birth through the mediator, Christ Jesus, and what he did for us to become sons of God.

In an archaeological find in Greece and from the Delphi inscriptions that are addressed to the god Apollo who was the big god in Greece, in those archaeological finds they have discovered some things that really are electrifying to me also because of the archaeological finds but because of the greatness of God's Word that we know and believe and thank God for. It sets forth the legal process that was involved, in the setting free of slaves in ancient times. That is known as manumission, freedom from bondage. The freedom of a slave. This law of antiquity in that archaeological find is called the right of purchase of a slave by a god. In Greece it would have been Apollo. This is how it worked according to the

inscription that they discovered. The slave does everything he can and he saves whatever he can and he collects whatever he can. The slave goes to the temple treasury and there he pays to the temple treasury his money, so to speak. But it was paid to Apollo. He does this previously to his manumission, previously to his being set free. He has to pay in full the complete amount for his redemption.

After he has done this then the slave brings his owner with him. The owner comes to the temple with the slave and they go through a ceremony and the slave is set free because the man at the head of the temple treasury pays to the owner in full for the complete redemption of the slave. Now that slave has freedom of choice, freedom of will, he now is no longer a slave. He is the lord's free man to that god, Apollo. He is now the property, so to speak, of Apollo. That's how a slave could become a free man under the law. I think that is absolutely significant. He is totally free of his former master, his former owner. As a matter of fact, there's a statement on the inscription that a heavy penalty was levelled against the slave should he ever go back to being a slave again.

He who has been set free, should he ever allow himself to have another master or owner, there's a heavy penalty because he has sold his life to the god. If he's going back as a slave he's going to have two gods, his owner and Apollo. So there was a heavy penalty. Or if another man talked him into being his slave, then that owner or master would have a heavy penalty assessed against him.

#### Galatians 4:3

"elements" - outward ordinances

#### Galatians 4 :4

#### Galatians 4:5

"adoption" - sonship = text

#### John 3:16

The man Christ Jesus, tempted in all things like as we are, all of that now goes through your mind. He was a wonderful man, a perfect man, and he paid the full price. He completely completed the law. He even died and stayed dead for three days and three nights. God even got him up and then he presented himself in the temple on the day of the resurrection apoe.aran.ee. Re\*aembe.r he said to touch we not for X have not yet ascended to my Father. Yet that very same day in the evening when the doors are shut Jesus enters. Thomas is there and he says here's my hands, touch and see. How's come at one time he could say touch and another time he couldn't? Reason was he had not yet fully paid everything in. The Word of God says. Jesus Christ was a slave, doulos, of God. He went in and paid for all of us, just like that thing in archaeology that I was telling you about. He paid the full price. He went in and paid the full price for us. The Word of God says we are in Christ Jesus when we are born again. It's God in Christ in us the hope of glory, and at that moment we are in Christ Jesus. So we went into the temple with him. We went into the grave with him. We went into the resurrection. We went into the ascension. That's why Ephesians says we are already seated in the heavenlies. Boy, wait until that thing hits you someday.

It's a crime for any born again believer to go back to be a slave to another owner, to

another master in the world or to the world, because we've been redeemed, set free. We are God's property. The Devil has absolutely no right on you. You're not his property. You were children of wrath until what? Beloved now we are sons of God. Imagine that. The Adversary has absolutely no right to lay anything on you, for you don't belong to him. You've been redeemed, you've been purchased, you've been paid for in full by a slave called Jesus Christ, who was a doulos of God. Isn't that fantastic?

#### Romans 5 :6-11

The Christian church has lived so far below par, it's unbelievable.

We've been so negative; we've been taught such unbelievable contradictory things to the truth of God's Word, no wonder the Christians, so-called, are the laughing stock of the world. It's only because we don't know God's Word or believe God's Word.

#### I Corinthians 7:22

That's where I got the title for tonight.

You're born to live; you're born again to serve. I get it from that verse, along with a few others,

#### I Corinthians 7:23

As the slave would go into the temple and pay for his own redemption, so Jesus Christ went into the temple and paid for all mankind's redemption. He bought us with a price, so we no longer belong to the world. We no longer belong to another master or owner. We belong to God through His wonderful son, Jesus Christ. He bought us with a price. It cost him his life.

"Be not ye the slaves of men" - text - I Corinthians 7:23b

#### I Corinthians 6:20

#### Galatians 2:4

They wanted to take them out of the freedom they had in Christ Jesus to serve the true God and they snuck in secretly. They were good men, they were kosher, they did everything just right, except one thing, the truth of God's Word. So they wanted them to go back and bring them into what? We've gone through the same thing through many many years.

People want to be set free and then they want to put you under some law. (Examples) False brethren come in secretly to spy out the liberty we have in Christ Jesus that they might bring us into bondage.

"bondage" - slavery

I can't for the life of me figure out why anybody who has been delivered from slavery wants to go back to it. There's a high price, a great penalty, because you've been bought with a price, God's only begotten son. There's a high price any man or woman pays when they go back to being again under the law, when they go back to another master, another owner. You can't serve two masters. You can't straddle the fence. Get on one side or the other.

### Galatians 5:1

Once you've been paid for, bought by God, the owner is paid off. Jesus Christ paid off the Adversary in full, the Word of God says. He witnessed unto him in his resurrected body.

Dealt him a paralyzing blow, death dealing blow it says. Paid for completely. Everything we lost in Adam we regained in Christ with interest far beyond what we lost in Adam we regained, in Christ because he paid for it. He went into the temple of God and gave it all there. Everything fully paid that whosoever will may come. But you dare not allow yourself to be entangled again with the yoke of bondage. You cannot go back and allow the Adversary to again become the master, the owner, the ruler of your life.

### Galatians 5:2

### Galatians 5:4

### Romans 8:1

No condemnation because all condemnation has been paid for by whom? All the fear, all the worry, all the anxiety, all the frustration, all of that is paid for in full because Jesus Christ is a full redeemer complete redeemer, paid the full price for man's redemption. That's why in him we are totally free.

This is a great paradox of life. The truth is that the greatest freedom is only enjoyed by those people who have the greatest commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. The greater your commitment to the true God and His wonderful son, Jesus Christ, the greater freedom you're going to have in life. So when you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe God raised him from the dead, and you were saved, you confessed him as your Lord because of what he did for you, you accepted it, then you ought to keep your commitment to that decision and confession.