



SET FREE !

Study 11

Salvation

Yes we can be set free from the power of sin! Jesus said, *"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* (John 8: 32)

St. Paul asks in Romans 7: 24,

"Who will rescue me from this body of death?" Put his answer from verse 25 in large letters here:

"Thanks be to God _____ *(Romans 7:25)*

Christians often use the words, "saved" and "salvation," "deliverance," "delivered" and "redeemed." This is because they are so relieved to have escaped. We know that Jesus Christ has **set us free!** Fill in the missing words below:

"He has sent me to proclaim ... _____ " (Luke 4: 18)

"Who gave himself for our sins to ... _____ " (Galatians 1: 4)

"For the Son of Man came to ... _____ " (Luke 19: 10)

Write John 3:17 opposite and **learn it off by heart.**

But saved from what? Unsaved people don't seem to think that they are in any particular danger. Set free from whom? Most people are free these days; at least they seem to be - aren't they?

SET FREE FROM THE DOMINION OF SATAN!

1 John 5: 19 says, *"the whole world is under the control of the evil one."* Not however, the children of God. From Colossians 1:13 and Hebrews 2:14-15, summarise what Christ has done concerning our former slavery to the Devil.

SET FREE FROM THE HARM OF EVIL SPIRITS!

Study Luke 10:17-20. Satan has been toppled. Now even the deadliest demons (referred here as snakes and scorpions) cannot harm you. Look at Acts 5:16. All of those tormented by evil spirits were healed! It may be worthwhile to ask ourselves

whether modern evangelism should pay more attention to the ministry of deliverance from demons? Discuss this subject in a group environment. Is there a place for deliverance from evil spirits in evangelism today? Jot down your thoughts and think about it.

SET FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN!

If we really be honest, our worst enemy is not Satan, or evil spirits, but our own sin. Sure Satan was our master, but the chains that held us to him were of our own making. (Proverbs 5:22, John 8:34) Therefore our bondage is not so much a slavery to Satan as it is a slavery to sin.

Romans 7:14 says, *"I am ... sold as a slave to sin."* Furthermore, this slavery is more than just an addiction to certain particular sins. It is slavery to the twisted inner self - the 'self principle' - which the Bible calls the 'old self,' inherited through Adam from the beginning of the world. This is what Paul was referring to in Romans 7:23-25. Fill in the missing words on this and the next page.

"But I see another law (the 'old self') at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind (God's law in us) and

at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! _____

*from this body of death? Thanks be to God - **THROUGH** _____ **OUR LORD!"***

Yes, it is Jesus who sets us free from sin! Write these verses. (Romans 6:18 and Romans 6:6)

Praise God! Jesus completely liberates us from sin, and from the power of the twisted 'self.'

SET FREE FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN!

Not only is mankind under the power of sin, but we are also doomed to its inevitable result.

"If you live according to the sinful nature, you will die." (Romans 8: 13)

However, those who have been released from sin have been released from the penalty too. Claim this for yourself as you write God's promise in Romans 8:1-2 below.