

“Set Free By The Cross”

Exodus 1-15

Sermon Series: “Set Free To Live Free”

Introduction: We are looking at a story from the Old Testament, but it is a picture of the cross and the freedom that we have through what Jesus did on the cross so we are going to make the New Testament applications of the story. Remember what Jesus said in Luke 24:44, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” With that in mind, we see Jesus in this story because John the Baptist said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Also, the Apostle Paul wrote, “For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7b).

Main Idea: Sin enslaves us, but Jesus sets us free by the cross.

Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed” (John 8:34-36). **How does this work?**

1. We are set free from sin through supernatural intervention by God Himself (Exodus 2:23-24, 3:7-8, 6:1-9, 14:13-14; John 3:13-17). He came down to do what is humanly impossible. We must cry out to Him in brokenness.

2. We are set free from sin by God judging sin and simultaneously saving sinners through substituting Himself in our place (Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 3:26, Isaiah 53:4-6, Mark 10:45, John 6:51, John 10:14-18, Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Peter 3:18, Romans 5:6-8, Romans 8:1-3). Jesus alone saves us by His

blood through dying the death we deserved as our substitute. This is called penal substitutionary atonement, and it is the heart of true Christianity. It is opposed by many people, but it is necessary for salvation and necessary for Christians and churches to believe and proclaim in order to be biblically faithful. The response is faith. We cannot do anything to save ourselves. The blood must be personally appropriated.

3. We are set free from sin to God because He purchased us for Himself (Exodus 6:7; Ephesians 2:1-6, Galatians 4:4-7). We can celebrate because we belong to Him instead of sin and Satan.

4. We are set free from sin in order to live an abundant life (Exodus 3:8, 6:4, 13:5; John 10:10). God’s plan was not just to take them out of Egypt but to take them to the Promised Land, which symbolizes an abundant life. We are to put sin to death through Jesus who lives in us (Romans 6). God doesn’t want us to spend the rest of our lives wandering in the Wilderness. We have to walk in faith and obedience to experience His best for us. We have to overcome the tendency to want to go back to Egypt (14:10-12). We won’t really enjoy the new life Jesus purchased for us until we embrace the discomfort of change more than the comfort of the status quo, even if the status quo is bondage. This is the process of sanctification, or spiritual growth.

Conclusion: Are you trusting Jesus and His shed blood to cleanse and free you from sin? Are you walking in the freedom that He purchased for you on the cross?