

# SEMINAR 04: YOU ARE FREE

## FREEDOM FROM LAW, FLESH, CONDEMNATION

*"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."*

*~ Galatians 5:1*

### 1. Few Enjoy Freedom

- a. The Declaration & Bill of Rights describes freedoms that not all have enjoyed:
  - i. Foreigners, slaves, criminals, sinners, oppressed, tyrannized, etc.
- b. In church, Christians are subject to law curse, priests, legalism, carnal judgments
- c. Many Christians live defeated miserable lives condemned by sin in their flesh.
  - i. Paul cried as a believer, *"O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me.."*
  - ii. If being Christian is constantly a wretched experience, you're doing it wrong.

### 2. Know You Are Free

- a. Free from the penalty of sins is known; but harder is freedom from the power of sin.
- b. Sin condemns you. In Christ sin no longer defines you – 1Co 6:11, Rom 6:17, 7:17,20
  - i. *Why?* The power & strength of sin is the law – 1 Cor 15:56
  - ii. The law identifies sin, but you are free from the law by Christ – Rom 7:1,4-6
  - iii. The law is good, but it cannot help you be free from sin's power. Rom 7:12,14
    - 1. *What does this say about churches that put you under it?*
- c. Indwelling sin still condemns w/o law b/c your heart wants good - Rom 2:15, 7:22-23
  - i. You are not trying to win the battle with your flesh, Christ did that. Col 2:11
  - ii. Where you can't perform, Christ did – stop trying to attain what he did – 7:18
- d. Your flesh is condemnable, but you are not a prisoner to it – Rom 7:18, 23-25
  - i. Know no man after the flesh if they have a new identity - 2 Cor 5:16-17
  - ii. **You are free** from your failure, your past, your flesh, your heritage. Phi 3:13
    - 1. *What does this say about CRT/social justice which identify after flesh?*
  - iii. No condemnation, if you walk after who you are in Christ - Rom 8:1
  - iv. **You are free** from the law, the power of sin, and the deeds of your flesh

### 3. Freedom and Identity

- a. What is done in your flesh, does not change who you are. Gal 5:1,2, 6, 13
- b. Acts 22:24-28 - As a Jew, Paul was a subject. As a Roman, Paul had freedom.
  - i. Your flesh is subject to all sorts of laws. You in Christ, not so ... Col 2:10
- c. Acts 16:37 – Paul being in physical chains did not change his identity.
  - i. He sang praises to God v25– living in victory – with joy – b/c he was free!
  - ii. Being in the flesh does not change your identity in Christ.
  - iii. With the Spirit of the Lord there is freedom – 1 Cor 7:22, 2 Cor 3:17
  - iv. No matter your situation/circumstance, you are not *trying* to be **you are free**