

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY INSTITUTE

REV. JEFFERY D. BELL SR., PASTOR /TEACHER

2 PETER 2 VS 19-20

**“ FALSE FREEDOM “**

**INTRO** : LAST WEEK WE LEARNED THAT THE FREEDOM THE APOSTATES OFFERED WAS A FALSE FREEDOM BECAUSE:

**I. IT OFFERED FALSE PROMISES**

AS WE LOOK AT VERSES 19-20 WE WILL FIND THE SECOND REASON WHY THE FREEDOM OF THE APOSTATES WAS FALSE FREEDOM :

**II. IT IS OFFERED BY FALSE CHRISTIANS** - YOU CANNOT SET SOMEONE FREE IF YOU ARE IN BONDAGE YOURSELF, AND THESE FALSE TEACHERS WERE IN BONDAGE. PETER MADE IT CLEAR THAT THESE MEN HAD TEMPORARILY DISENTANGLED THEMSELVES FROM THE POLLUTIONS OF THE WORLD, BUT THEN THEY WENT RIGHT BACK INTO BONDAGE AGAIN! THEY PROFESSED TO BE SAVED BUT HAD NEVER REALLY BEEN REDEEMED ( SET FREE ) AT ALL! THE TENSE OF THE VERBS IN 2 PETER 2 VS 19 ARE PRESENT: “ WHILE THEY PROMISE THEM ( TALKING ABOUT THE NEW BELIEVERS) LIBERTY, THEY THEMSELVES ( THE APOSTATES ) ARE SERVANTS OF CORRUPTION.” THEY CLAIM TO BE SERVANTS OF GOD, BUT THEY ARE ONLY SERVANTS OF SIN. IT IS BAD TO BE A SLAVE , BUT WHEN SIN IS YOUR MASTER, YOU ARE IN THE WORST POSSIBLE CONDITION A PERSON CAN EXPERIENCE. AS WE REVIEW WHAT PETER HAS WRITTEN SO FAR WE CAN SEE THE KINDS OF SINS THAT ENSLAVED THESE FALSE TEACHERS:

- A. **THEY WERE IN BONDAGE TO MONEY** ( 2 PETER 2 VS 3,14 )
- B. **THEY WERE IN BONDAGE TO FLESHLY LUST** ( 2 PETER 2 VS 10, 14 )
- C. **THEY WERE ENSLAVED BY PRIDE** ( 2 PETER 2 VS 10-12 )

**HEBREWS 3 VS 13** – TELLS US TO “ *BEWARE OF THE DECIETFULNESS OF SIN* “

- **SIN ALWAYS PROMISES FREEDOM BUT IN THE END IT ALWAYS BRINGS BONDAGE**
- **SIN ALWAYS PROMISES LIFE INSTEAD IT BRINGS DEATH**

**NOTE** : SIN HAS A WAY GRADUALLY BINDING A PERSON UNTIL THERE IS NO WAY OF ESCAPE, APART FROM THE GRACIOUS INTERVENTION OF THE LORD. EVEN THE BONDAGE THAT SIN CREATES IS DECIETFUL, FOR THE PEOPLE WHO BOUND ACTUALLY THINK THEY ARE FREE! TOO LATE THEY DISCOVER THAT THEY ARE PRISONERS OF THEIR OWN :

- **APPETITE**

- **HABITS**

JESUS CHRIST CAME TO BRING FREEDOM. IN HIS SERMON IN THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH, OUR LORD SOUNDED FORTH THE TRUMPET CALL OF FREEDOM AND THE ADVENT OF THE “ YEAR OF JUBILEE “ ( LUKE 4 VS 16 ).

### **CHRIST FREEDOM IN CONTRAST WITH THE APOSTATES FREEDOM**

CHRIST MEANING OF FREEDOM

- **ENJOYING FULLFILMENT IN THE WILL OF GOD. ACHIEVING YOUR GREATEST POTENTIAL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.** JESUS FREES US TO BECOME THE VERY BEST IN THIS LIFE AND THEN HE FREES US TO BECOME LIKE HIM IN THE NEXT.
- **CHRIST BRINGS US INTO FREEDOM BY THE TRUTH( THE WORD)** ( JOHN 17 VS 17 ) ( JOH N 8 VS 32 )

APOSTATES MEANING OF FREEDOM

- **DO WHAT YOU WANT AND HAVE IT YOUR WAY**
- **THIS KIND OF FREEDOM BRINGS YOU INTO THE WORST BONDAGE EVER**
- **APOSTATES BRING FALSE FREEDOM BY LIES AND DECEPTION**

### **WHAT DO WE DISCOVER THROUGH GODS WORD THAT HELPS LEAD US TO FREEDOM**

- **THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES**
- **THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WORLD**
- **THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR GOD**

**NOTE :** AS WE FACE THIS TRUTH HONESTLY, WE EXPERIENCE THE LIBERATING POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD. WE CEASE IN LIVING A WORLD OF FANTASY AND ENTER INTO A WORLD OF REALITY, AND THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD, WE ARE ABLE TO FULFILL HIS WILL, GROW IN GRACE , AND “ REIGN IN LIFE BY ONE, JESUS CHRIST “ ( ROM 5 VS 17 )

THOSE WHO LIVE IN GOD’S TRUTH ENTER INTO MORE AND MORE FREEDOM, BUT THOSE WHO LIVE BY LIES EXPERIENCE MORE AND MORE BONDAGE, UNTIL “ THE LATTER END IS WORSE THEN THE BEGINNING “ ( 2 PETER 2 VS 20 )

THIS REMINDS US OF THE LORDS PARABLE IN MATTHEW 12 VS 43-45, THE TRUTH OF WHICH PARALLELS WHAT PETER HAS WRITTEN. TEMPORARY REFORMATION WITHOUT TURE REPENTANCE AND REBIRTH ONLY LEADS TO GREATER SIN AND JUDGEMENT

REFORMATION – **CLEANS UP THE OUTSIDE**

REGENERATION – **CHANGES THE INSIDE**

NOTE: SINFUL TENDACIES DO NOT DISAPPEAR WHEN A PERSON REFORMS; THEY MERELY HIBERNATE AND GET STRONGER. HOLINESS IS NOT SIMPLY REFUSING TO DO EVIL THINGS, FOR EVEN UNSAVED PEOPLE CAN PRACTICE SELF CONTROL.

- TRUE HOLINESS – **IS MORE THAN CONQUERING TEMPTATION : IT IS CONQUERING EVEN THE DESIRE TO DISOBEY GOD.**

**PRACTICAL ANALOGY** : DOCTOR GIVES THESE INSTUCTIONS ABOUT LOSING WIEGHT – THIS IS HOW YOU LOSE WEIGHT – “ ***LEARN TO HATE THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT GOOD FOR YOU*** “

**CLOSE** : YOU CAN EXPECT NOTHING FROM BUT “ ***FALSE FREEDOM*** “ FROM FALSE CHRISTIANS WHO OFFER FALSE PROMISES