

Freedom from Our Self-Prisons

Luke 4:15-21

And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. **16** So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; **19** To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." **20** Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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recovery of sight to the blind, **To set at liberty**
those who are oppressed;



➤ “Stone walls do not a prison make, Nor
iron bars a cage” (Richard Lovelace)

➤ **Psalm 107:9-19**

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Freedom Comes From God

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit;
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty.



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Prisons Without Walls

- *Prison of Self-satisfaction*
- *Prison of Inferiority*
- *Prison of False Religion*
- *Prison of Sin*



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Prison of Self-satisfaction

- **Based on Self-View – Personal Definition**
 - Many think they want to be in this prison
 - No freedom until we see our self – reality
- **Our perception of yourself not sufficient**
 - Not a true reflection – Distortion
- **God's Mirror**
 - **James 1:21-25**
 - **Look at the reflection and make improvements**
 - **Phil 3:13-14; Hebrews 12:1-2**



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Prison of Inferiority

- **Feeling of Defeat – Defeatist Attitude**
 - **Prison of the Unprofitable Servant**
 - **Matthew 25:18, 25**
- **Prison cell close to the previous prison**
 - **Perception of self snares us**
 - **Problem is looking to ourselves for power**
- **Christ is our Power**
 - **Ephesians 2:12-13; Romans 5:6**
 - **Matthew 28:18-20; Philippians 4:13**

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Prison of False Religion

- **A Prison of Deception and Ignorance**
 - **Isaiah 66:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12**
 - **Lie = Damnation**
- **A Dangerous Poison**
 - **Galatians 1:6-9**
 - **Example of Cain Genesis 4:3-7**
- **Only truth will set you free! John 8:31, 32**
- **Psalm 118:8** “It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.”

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Prison of Sin

➤ **Sin = Master // Sinner = Slave** **Romans 6:16**

➤ **Sin = Death // Obedience =
Righteousness**

➤ **Sin strives with the spirit of man**

Galatians 5:17

Brings more strife **Proverbs 17:14** “The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.”

Great deceiver – Promises gratification & brings strife – Example of Eve

Leads to Death **Romans 6:23**



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- **Godliness 1 Timothy 6:6** “Now godliness with contentment is great gain.”
- **No strife in the spirit – A spirit of peace**
- **A righteous state – through obedience to God**

Romans 6:3-4; Romans 6:17-18

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***Let Jesus Christ
Set Us Free
NOW!***