

# TOGETHER WITH ONE VOICE

We Are Delivered

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- **Open in prayer.**

- Introduction.

Jesus is establishing His Kingdom on earth so that you can reflect His love, His glory, His presence and His power in the midst of life. Jesus wants to show the world a better way to be human.

Salvation exist so that:

- o God the Father has a family.
- o Jesus has a bride called the Church.
- o The Holy Spirit has a temple to dwell in.

- Bottom up theology teaches Jesus help you with your plans.

- Top down theology teaches there's a good and wise King who has rescued us from sin, death, and evil. He created you to bring Him glory. You exist to be a picture of what the world is going to look like in the future...now.

- **First Value of Transformation Church.**

*A High and Lofty View of God.*

*We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to teach a high and lofty view of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

*All our actions, teaching, prayer, mission, and spiritual transformation will be driven by our view of God.*

- **Read Romans 7:14-25.**

- The law is the wrapped up in the Ten Commandments.

- o First four commandments are about loving God.
- o Last six commandments are about loving your neighbor.

- The scene of the crime is your mind.

- **You were born in a spiritual prison, enslaved to sin.**

- **Read and discuss Romans 7:14.**

- Paul is a Jewish man and a Pharisee. He's using "Exodus language" and the Exodus story is a framing story of your lives.
- When you realize you're in God's story instead of Him being in your story, it changes everything.

- All of us are born in prison. We know something is wrong but we're not quite sure what it is.

- o Who taught kids to lie? To steal? To cheat?
- o Why do people continue to lie, steal, and cheat?
- o When you decide you're a good person, how is that an act of comparison?
- o What are some ways you try to get out of prison on your own?
- o How can continual living in prison become dangerous? (HINT: It becomes familiar)
- o What's the only way to get out of this prison?

- **You were delivered from spiritual prison and set free from sin.**

- **Read and discuss Romans 6:22.**

- You are delivered from spiritual prison and set free through Jesus...a past action that has present and future implications.

- o What does it look like to be a slave of God?
- o Review the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 and discuss how each one is a reflection of love.
- o Review how this Scripture (Romans 6:22) reflects the three components of salvation.

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| Justification  | Saved from the penalty of sin.  | <i>...set free from sin...</i>       |
| Sanctification | Saved from the power of sin.    | <i>...leads to sanctification...</i> |
| Glorification  | Saved from the presence of sin. | <i>...and its end, eternal life.</i> |

- o Discuss Pastor Derwin's statement, *Eternal life isn't just somewhere you go when you die...it's the power of God revealing the fruit of God in and through you.*

- **You can go back to prison if you don't live intentionally.**
- **Read and discuss Romans 7:15-25.**
- You can go back to your prison intentionally. In prison you can rely on your own knowledge and familiarity. But in freedom with Christ, you have to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you.
  - o What are some ways Christ-followers slip back into their prison? (Comparison, attention, greed)
  - o What are some ways you slip back into your prison?
  - o Discuss the following two statements:
    - Walking in faith has no borders.*
    - Created things will never satisfy the heart that was created to be satisfied by the uncreated created.*
  
- Would you let Jesus deliver you through His justification, life, and grace?
- Read and discuss Romans 7:25a.
- We're Americans and we live in the culture of pragmatism...if it works I'll do it even if it's not right.
  - o Don't read the Bible this way, "I'm feeling stressed, where are some verses on stress?"
  - o Read the Bible as if you were reading a letter from a friend.
  
- **Read and discuss Romans 5:18-19.**
- **Discuss these two statements:**
  - o *Because of what Adam did you are condemned, and you become separated from God.*
  - o *Because of what Christ did you are made righteous, and you become a son or daughter of God.*
  
- **Read and discuss Romans 6:14.**
- The way you stop doing things is to recognize that only Jesus can do it through you.
- What makes you grow is acknowledging your wretchedness and turning back to your justification in seeing it's all about Jesus.
  - o How can Jesus be strong in your life?
  - o What prison do you return to in your life?
  - o Why is it important to allow other Christ followers to help you? (HINT: We are the body of Christ)
  
- **Soul-tattoo: Stop trying and start relying on Jesus to deliver you.**
  
- **Close in prayer.**
  - o Jesus, I can do nothing without you.
  - o God, I want Jesus to live in and through me so that I can be the person You've created me to be for your glory!"