



FISHERS OF MEN

"And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Matthew 4:19

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Jesus Loves You!*

PRISON DID NOT ROB PAUL!

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Prison is a place that robs criminals of freedom, family and choices. Paul was a man who used every situation and circumstance to further the cause of Christ; including his stay in prison. Although Paul was in prison, prison did not rob him of certain things, including the following:

1. **His Pen.** Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon were all written while Paul was in a Roman prison. They are often referred to as “prison epistles.” Paul knew the power of the pen.
2. **His Purpose.** Paul’s purpose was to live for Christ. Philippians 1:21 says, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Paul’s entire life was Jesus Christ.
3. **His Pulpit.** Although Paul was in prison, he used that opportunity and circumstance to further the gospel. According to Philippians 1:14, he was able to get the gospel into the elite Praetorian Guard. Something he could not have done had he been a free man. Paul capitalized upon every situation to further the gospel of Christ.
4. **His Prayer.** While in prison, Paul prayed for the brethren and the church. Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21, Philippians 1:9-11 and Colossians 1:9-12 illustrate Paul’s sincere desire in prayer on behalf of the saints.
5. **His Peace.** Philippians 1:12 says, “My circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel.” Paul had found peace in Jesus Christ.
6. **His Praise.** In Acts 16, Paul and Silas sang praises to God at midnight. Although he was in the inner-most part of the prison he was able to be joyful. Paul served an awesome God who was worthy of all his praise.
7. **His Patience.** Paul was confident in God’s plan for his life, therefore, he had patience.



Paul can be a great encouragement to all Christians. Although in trials, he was triumphant. Although in chains, he was challenged. He was in prison, but prison did not rob him of the most important thing in his life, his desire to spread the gospel. **He was confined, but not controlled; restrained, but not restricted; incarcerated, but not incapacitated.** Therefore, Paul can be described as the apostle of the heart-set-free.

Submitted by Brother Mark

A Message from MOMM



If this newsletter has been given to you by someone else, write Fishers of Men Prison Ministries, c/o Bethany Church, 5403 North Second Street, Loves Park, IL 61111, include your name, number and address, and you will be added to the mailing list. Our request is that when you finish reading your newsletter, please pass it on to someone else for their enjoyment and spiritual food. If you enjoy writing and have a desire to share a message with other inmates, we welcome Bible and faith-based articles. Send those also to the address above. No matter where you are and what your situation, God can bless you this month. *Blessings this month at FOM include the fact that, the list of people to whom this newsletter is being sent by e-mail is growing each day. Also, we now have enough names on our mailing list to qualify for bulk mail. Thank you for making it all possible.*

Love, Momm

LEGION

“Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” NKJV

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:26-39



I can relate to this story because of my past influence of Satanism. I was held captive in the tombs of darkness and destruction. My mind was bound by chains of evil.

Then Jesus came to my town and delivered me – releasing me from the bondage of darkness. Even then I immediately wanted to follow Jesus but just like the demoniac – the witness first begins with family and those who know us.

They knew us in our lost ways so they will immediately see the change and know the reality of what Jesus has done – thus causing them to glorify God too.

Understandably, there is work to be done in me – by God; but this I do know, by the grace of God, I’m not what or where I used to be. All praise to God for His mercy which He has extended to one such as I. It has been a humbling experience – this life.

Thought for Today: God’s power to deliver is greater than the worst of bondages – and His deliverance is moved by His love for us.

*Christ Above All,
Your Brother Chip*

Continuation of The Foundation – A Basic Bible Study written by Brother Adrian which he designed to reach both the young and old in Christ establishing a sure foundation in Jesus “THE” Christ.

LESSON #6 – SATAN

Where did Satan come from? He is the fallen archangel Lucifer.

Ezekiel 28:11-19 – This is a description of Satan before his fall. As we can see, his personal appearance is a lot different than what is commonly thought of. Lucifer was a creation of God. Lucifer sinned and became Satan.

Isaiah 14:12-17 – These are the sins that were the downfall of Lucifer. Note: In this description of his sin, notice that nothing is mentioned of his appearance changing. The importance of this is so that we don’t start thinking of him as this modern red devil with a pitch fork and tail. This is not the image given in the scripture. (Ezek. 28:11-19)



Who is Satan to us as Christians? The Enemy!

Revelation 12:7-9, I Peter 5:8 (Mt. 5:8) Also, Satan is the ruler of this world system. II Corinthians 4:4

Does Satan have the power to make a Christian sin? No!

I Corinthians 10:13, Philippians 4:13 (Rom. 6:16, 22; Eph. 4:27)

Note: Philippians 4:13 made it plain that Satan is not as great as God abiding inside. So, when I sin it’s because I chose to.

So what is Satan after? Your separation from God. In the case of Job, see Job 2:3-6 – Satan wanted Job to curse God. The plan of Satan is revealed completely in II Corinthians 4:1-4 - Satan wants mankind to share his fate of eternal separation from God. Since I’m a Christian and already saved, his plan for me is to have me live in sin, be ineffective as a witness to the truth of Jesus the Christ.

What are some of his methods?

II Corinthians 4:4 – Deception // Job 2:1-8 – Health and Sickness // Proverbs 30:7-9 Money, poverty (Matt. 19:16-22) There are so many things that Satan can and will use to cause me to sin or use to set me up to sin. Even to have my mind held in captivity to fleshly thinking thus keeping me far from being like Christ. **Note: The Christian Attitude: Philippians 4:8-13**

How can I know Satan at work?

II Corinthians 10:3-5 – Realize that our fight is spiritual and that our lives must be lived according to the Holy Spirit. We learn how the Holy Spirit works by scripture II Timothy 2:15, 16; 3:16, 17; Hebrews 4:12, 13. Scripture says to be well studied. It is implied that having Godly knowledge and understanding will reveal the plans of the enemy. That’s how we know the enemy. John 10:10

Satan’s Power:

II Corinthians 11: 12-15 – Making himself appear as though he is God’s agent. (II Thess. 2:9; II Cor. 4:3, 4) Deception is his power. This is where the studying of scripture comes to guide me clear of Satan’s tricks.

A Defeated Foe -- Colossians 2:15 - *Christ has given us (believers) victory over Satan.*

NEXT MONTH: Half-Way Test Questions -- *May this study be engraved on your heart.*

Brother Adrian

BIBLE STUDIES

The following listing of Bible Study organizations was recently compiled by a friend of the ministry, Teresa Bateman. Thank you Teresa for your hard work on this.

Organization	Address	City	St	Zip
Home Bible School	3703 Memorial Parkway, NW	Huntsville	AL	35810
Studies in the Bible	PO BOX 635	Clarksville	AR	72839-0635
New Discovery Bible School	2615 Lincoln Rd.	Benton	AR	72015
Word of Promise	21090 Dawn Hill East RD.	Gentry	AR	72734
New Discovery Bible School	PO BOX 33458	Los Angeles	CA	90053
Discovery Bible School	PO BOX 1948	Orangevale	CA	95662
The Narrow Way	PO BOX 4336	San Clemente	CA	92674
World Wide Bible Study	PO BOX 100676	Denver	CO	80250
Florida Prison Ministry	PO BOX 2626	Winter Park	FL	32790-2626
Life Line Gospel	PO BOX 8694	Ft. Lauderdale	FL	33310-8694
The Mailbox Bible Club (E Marsh)	1112 Langford Way	Minneola	FL	34715-5533
Source of Light	1011 Mission Rd	Madison	GA	30650
Church of Christ	PO BOX 422	Oskaloosa	KS	66066-0422
Christ's Prison Ministries	PO BOX 632	Wichita	KS	67201
Ten Mile Bible School	PO BOX 32	Burlington	KY	41005
World Bible School (Larry & Ann)	PO BOX 472	Calhoun	LA	71225
Church of Christ	15331 East 39th St.	Independence	MA	64055-4240
Breath of Life	12501 Old Columbia Pike	Silver Springs	MD	20997-0402
Bible Corres Course	719 W. Maumee St.	Adrian	MI	49221
Church of Christ-Jim Romans	825 Church St.	Milan	MI	48160
Bible Correspondence	425 E. Grout St.	Gladwin	MI	48624
Wels Special Ministries	PO BOX 452	New Ulm	MN	56073
CEF Mail Box Club	PO BOX 190	Warrenton	MO	63383-9910
Towpath Bible Studies	8 Deep wood DR.	Rochester	NY	14606-3657
Israel's Hope. Inc., Lamplight Stds	PO BOX 6078	Staten Island	NY	10306
World Bible School	3700 S.E. Adams Blvd.	Bartlesville	OK	74006
Eastside Church of Christ	1205 S. Air Depot Blvd. Suite #178	Midwest City	OK	73110-4807
Mail Box Ministry	PO BOX 1694	Tahlequah	OK	74465-1694
Candy Cane Mlbx Bible Cl (LTritt)	40 Horse Killer Rd.	Shippensburg	PA	17257
Fellowship Mailbox Club	123 Tall Oaks LN.	Williamsport	PA	17701
The Bible Lessons	POBOX 26	Millington	TN	38083-0026
Know Your Bible	PO BOX 986	Manchester	TN	37349
The Open Bible Club	PO BOX 100	Road Mtn	TN	37687
World Wide School	2200 Johnson St.	San Angelo	TX	76904
Bible Corres Course	PO BOX 150671	Austin	TX	78715-0671
Bible Corres Course	4100 McNeil Ave.	Wichita Falls	TX	76308
Bible Corres Course	PO BOX 357	Alief	TX	77411
Fairmont Pk Church of Christ	3813 N. Midland Dr.	Midland	TX	79797-3530
Walnut Church of Christ	2720 Moores Lane	Texarkana	TX	75503
Walnut Hill Church of Christ	10550 Marsh Ln.	Dallas	TX	75229
New Life Behavior	PO BOX 72188	Corpus Christ	TX	78472
Way To Life	PO BOX 1888	Granbury	TX	76048
A New Life Bible School	PO BOX 606	Keene	TX	76059
New Discovery Bible School	PO BOX 23495	Waco	TX	76702-3495
New Discovery Bible School	PO BOX 614	Keene	TX	76059
New Discovery Bible School	300 Plaza	Mesquite	TX	75149
New Discovery Bible School	PO BOX 51133	Amarillo	TX	79159
Chapel on the Hill	11182 Highway 34 South	Quinlan	TX	75474
World Bible School	PMB 288, 6144 Gateway Cir.	Kilgore	TX	75662
Jim Chapman Bible Studies	PO BOX 395	Cedar Hill	TX	75106
Bible by Mail (G Shields)	7129 Delhi	Waco	TX	76712
World Bible School	1907 NE. Loop 410	San Antonio	TX	78217
Free Home Bible Study	PO BOX 17183	Sugar Land	TX	77496
Sugar Grove Church of Christ	116600 W. Airport Blvd.	Meadows Pl	TX	77477
Southwest Ch of Christ (Lilidon)	4515 Cornell	Amarillo	TX	79109
Bible Corr. Course (J Saldana) Channelview Church of Christ	1301 Sheldon Rd.	Channelview	TX	77530
Everman Ch of Christ Bible St	1020 Townley Dr.	Everman	TX	76140

Organization	Address	City	St	Zip
Church of Christ	PO BOX 1672	Ft. Stockton	TX	79735
Southgate Church of Christ	528 Country Club Rd.	San Angela	TX	76904
Write-way Prison Ministry	PO BOX 461583	Garland	TX	75046
Baptist Crisis Center	PO BOX 2382	Midland	TX	79702
Exodus Prison Ministry	PO BOX 6363	Lubbock	TX	79493
Aurora Pena Bible Studies	2017 General Booth Blvd. Ste 121	Virginia Beach	VA	23454
Green Bay Bible School	Box 33114	Green Bay	WI	54303-0101

The next listing of organizations provide books for inmates and also some pen-pal listings. This information was provided for you by Brother Ben. We thank God for all the valuable resources provided by our friends .

<i>Name of Organization & Comments</i>	<i>Name of Organization & Comments</i>
Books to Prisoners (Make requests every 9 months) 92 Pike St., Box A Seattle, WA 98101	Prison Pen-Pals (Free) PO Box 120074 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312
Book Em (Make requests every 90 days) PO Box 71357 Pittsburg, PA 15213	Sues Pen-Pal Service (\$5 Registration Fee) PO Box 3225 Salina, KA 67402-3225
Books through Bars (Make request every 90 days.) 4722 Baltimore AV Philadelphia, PA	Writing Outreach Ministry (Free) c/o D L Waites -- 9123 Shagbark Houston, TX 77078
Bound Together Books (Make request every 90 days.) Prison Literature Project - 1369 Haight St San Francisco, CA 94117	Friends Beyond the Wall (Takes Money to Place Ad) Poughkeepsie Plza -- 2600 South Rd, Suite 44-244 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-7003
Urbana Champaign Books to Prisoners Project c/o Spineless Books (Make request every 90 days.) PO Box 515 -- Urbana, IL 61803	Prison Ministry Pen-Pals (Free) Christian Pen-Pal Program -- PO Box 73 Syracuse, NY 13206-0073
Midwest Books to Prisoners (Make request every 90 days.) 1573 North Milwaukee AV PMB #460 Chicago, IL 60622	Prison Pen-Pals.com .(\$ Takes Money to Place Ad) PO Box 235 East Berlin, PA 17316-0235

LEAN ON THE LORD

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Prov. 3:5-6

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6; Deut. 6:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Trust – rely on, depend, feel secure, confidence, believe in, etc. This is faith in action – you believe in God, and what He has said (the Bible), that His instructions and direction are more important than anything else. His word is more important than your daily food (Job 23:12).

This trust is with all the heart. Every fiber of your being is motivated by faith that God will do what He said He’ll do. He is in control and He loves you. “All the heart” means there is no reservation, no holding back a little for yourself (Acts 5:2). God wants all of us.

Lean not unto your own understanding. God Himself is perfect, knows everything and has the best of intentions towards us. Whereas we are limited in understanding, knowledge, and get blinded by emotions (feelings): when correct decisions are needed we let ourselves be guided by a tainted form of reasoning. We don’t always have all the facts and we let circumstances/feelings guide us. That means we are flawed and can’t be trusted. Only God can be fully trusted and should be regardless of our own selves.



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