

Freedom's Gate

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Sin consciousness has captured the Body of Christ because they have accepted they will not be lord over all. Galatians 3:22-4:7 says: "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be **justified** by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the **CHILDREN** of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have PUT ON CHRIST...for you are all ONE in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Now I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, THOUGH HE BE LORD OF ALL; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world; but when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

So let me say again, sin consciousness has captured the Body of Christ because they have accepted that they will not be lord over all. Why would we want to put a limit on God, why be content with being just a child when He made a way for us to be a son? The definition of a child is those who are possessed merely of natural knowledge, those who are carnal, and have not grown, as they should have done in spiritual understanding and power, spiritually immature.

Why would you only want part of a gift? Hebrews 5:13 says, "For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe." Romans 3:24 says, "Being justified (to justify was a legal term meaning to secure a favorable verdict, to acquit, to vindicate, TO DECLARE RIGHTEOUS) freely (as a

free gift without any reason) by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness..."

Faith in the blood of Jesus Christ places us

in Christ, gives us the gift of righteousness, enabling God to truthfully declare us righteous because we are in Him. Romans 3:20 says no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law; rather through the law we become conscious of sin.

1 John 1:9 says "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness." ALL is a very tiny word with a very big meaning. God does not tell us to confess our sins daily, weekly, monthly or yearly. He only says that if we confess our sins period, He will cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness. This is when you get saved and accept that He took care of your sins – past, present, and future. The only word specific in this verse is ALL. Church, Satan is stealing and destroying what God has provided for you and the

sad part is, is that God put us above (lord over all) Satan.

We can have the whole gift. We choose to keep only part of the gift due to Satan's lies and condemnation and what we keep is not even the best part. We have been made acceptable in Christ (Ephesians 1:6). God cannot look on sin which is why He sent His Son, Jesus to the cross to take away the sins of the world; THE SINS OF THE WORLD (John 1:29). There is a lot of scripture here, but it is such a small portion of what God has to say about sin, condemnation, and how He sees us covered in the blood of Jesus.

Look it up for yourself. Look up the word confess; it actually is not in the Bible that often. The word talks about confessing your faults one to another, confessing that Jesus is Lord, and that with the mouth confession is made to salvation. Don't base what you believe on what someone has said. Get in God's word and see for yourself. Yes, it is controversial in the religious world. That is because Satan has been deceiving the church about confession of sin.

We were created as spiritual beings and we have the mind of Christ. Don't sit in your pew on Sunday and take in what the pastor is saying. Your pastor should be confirming what God has been telling YOU all week. If your sin is on your mind, you cannot be effective and do what God has for you to do. You are thinking like a child of God, not a son. A child says, "Oh no, I have done it again. I am not even going to pray today, God doesn't want to hear from me again." Satan is right there agreeing with you and saying, "No, He doesn't want to hear from you, you are such a loser, you broke another rule, He is so upset with you, you are not worthy to talk to God, He is angry with you, etc."

Your sin is not on the mind of God. He made a way to have a relationship with you. Your sin has been cast away as far as the

east is from the west (Psalm 103:12). The new covenant that was made for you between God and Jesus says in Hebrews 10:16b - 18: "I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission (passing by of debt or sin) of these is, there is no more offering for sin."

You have been made acceptable to God, **In Christ**. Find out what that means for yourself. Let God speak to you and show you His complete gift that He has for you. When our children have done something we wouldn't approve of, we know it because they avoid us. Their conversation is limited, their eye contact is minimal and they are usually "unusually" polite. These are warning signs that something is going on we need to know about. They need rules and consequences; they are children. This is what the verse in the beginning was talking about. Children need tutors and governors; sons hear the Spirit in their heart and are LORD OVER ALL. We need to see ourselves and others belonging to Christ and joint heirs with Him.

Open the whole gift – seek the Advocate, not the forgiveness, seek the Healer, not the healing, seek the Almighty banker, not the finances, seek the Owner of all, not the career, seek the Counselor, not your relationship. When Satan brings you into sin consciousness, tell him: "I have an advocate, Jesus Christ, Who paid for that sin on the cross. I live in peace (a harmonious relationship) with God." Look at Hebrews 10:14 – you were perfected forever! It's your choice. Do you want to be a child of God or a son of God? Don't allow Satan to capture you with sin consciousness and steal another day. Are you going to allow yourself to be tutored everyday or are you going to take your position '**In Christ**' and be lord of all?

No longer a Child

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All scriptures quoted from KJV

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mind of
Christ

The Unbeliever

By Joan Johnson



2 Corinthians 6:14: “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?” We have always understood this passage to mean being with “evil people” or in marriage, being yoked with an unbeliever. The word **yoked** means a *pair linked together to work efficiently*. It is also used as a symbol of burden, oppression, heavy responsibility or duty, sin or punishment. (Legalism/law). In the New Testament the phrase “take the yoke” was used by Jewish Rabbis to mean “become the pupil of a certain teacher”. Jesus gives the gentle invitation, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:29-30).

Unbelief: Lack of belief or faith in God and His provision. While unbelief does not hinder God’s faithfulness (Romans 3:3-4) it does affect our capacity to receive the benefits of that faithfulness. According to Romans 8:7, our carnal mind is enmity against God. This means that our carnal mind is hostile, antagonistic, bitter, and has an aversion against God! Who then is an unbeliever that we should not be yoked with? It is none other than our carnal mind. We have a choice in every situation, every day to choose which yoke we will submit to. We have the carnal mind to yoke with along with its oppression, or the yoke of Jesus which is easy and light.

Did you know faith was a person? Galatians 3:23, 25 show us that. Galatians 3:23 says, “*But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.*” Galatians 3:25 says, “*But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.*” We know that when Jesus came, He delivered us from the law. We are no longer under the law of sin and death. We are now governed by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:2).

Jesus is the person of faith! He **is** faith. God put us in Him and we became a person of faith! 1 Corinthians 1:30 says, “*But of Him, you are in Christ Jesus, Who became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.*”

We became what He is. The last line of 1 John 4:17 states “*because as He is, so are we in this world.*” No, we are not the head, but we **are** His Body. “*And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His Body, the fullness of Him, Who fills all in all* (Ephesians 1:22, 23).”

So, if He is wisdom, sanctification, righteousness, faith, etc. then we became all of those things also because we are His Body. We are to function in this life the same way He did. We are to live His life with His nature and His anointing. God already did all of that for us. 2 Corinthians 1:21 says that God anointed and established us in Christ. Our part is to just walk in who we are **In Christ**.

We can see that Jesus is the sum total of all we need in life. With that in mind, let’s look at Mark 11:24: “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask **when you pray**, believe that you **receive** them, and you will have them.” Notice it says **when** you pray, believe you receive; not when you get the answer, but when you pray. Faith says you have it **NOW!** Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things **not seen**. (Hebrews 11:1).

Watchman Nee shares a simple illustration in his book, The Normal Christian Life. Fact, faith, and experience were walking along a

wall. Fact (I like to use the word Truth here) kept his eyes focused straight ahead. He did not look back or turn his head to either side. He just stayed focused on what was true because he **was** truth. Faith followed close behind and as long as he kept his eyes focused on fact (Truth), he was secure and at peace. But then he decided to turn around and see how experience was doing. The minute he did, he fell off the wall and experience toppled down with him.

The moral of this story (mine) is don’t process the “middle”. Jesus is the author and the finisher of our faith, not the middle! He already finished the thing you prayed for and are receiving by faith. Don’t stop and look at your experiences to see if they line up. It is that place that Satan will trip you up. He will throw a wrench in your faith – your expression of Jesus’ life in this earth. He will steal your victory.

Stop! Back up to verses 22 and 23. Verse 22 says, “Have faith in God.” The literal meaning of that is “Have the faith **of** God.” Remember we are in Him and now we use His faith (Galatians 2:20 KJV).

Now look at verse 23 – a key verse. “For assuredly I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast

into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he **says**.”

When you find yourself “stuck in the middle” go back and re-focus. Declare your position in Him, use His faith and speak to that mountain (hindrance) to be removed and cast into the sea and **say** the desired thing. **Speak** the end of a thing, not what you are seeing. To quote Charles Capps, “If you want the dog, don’t call the cat!”

Now, declare that you receive what you prayed **when** you prayed. Say, “It is mine now! By faith it is mine and I will not be moved out of my position of REST in Him! I receive that which has **already** been provided for me by the sacrifice of Jesus.”

“As His divine power has given to us **all** things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him....”(2 Peter 1:3)

