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50th Anniversary



Chaplain Ray

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Dear Friends of IPM,

This month as we cherish and celebrate the freedoms we have in this country, let us remember the true and lasting freedom that comes from the Lord alone. When people come in humility to the Lord Jesus Christ and trust in Him for freedom, they will be genuinely liberated. This is what the saving grace of God is all about. In coming to the Lord for His salvation, a person is delivered, rescued, set free. This gracious freedom that we find in Christ has both a "from" and an "unto" aspect. Those who look to Jesus for spiritual liberation are free to leave old things behind. They are free to enter into corresponding new things.

Those who come to Christ are set free from death unto life. *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word and believeth on Him who sent Me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life"* (John 5:24). Those who come to Christ are delivered from condemnation unto justification. *"Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life"* (Romans 5:18).

Those who come to Christ are rescued from hell unto heaven. *"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell...Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven*

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for you" (Matthew 23:33; 1 Peter 1:3,4). Those who come to Christ are liberated from the bankruptcy of vain human resources unto the richness of abundant spiritual treasures. "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing...Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Romans 7:18; Ephesians 1:3).

Many inmates that we have ministered to can testify to this glorious truth: the Lord Jesus is the only one who can truly set us free. Because of Him, we who have believed in Him are no longer spiritually dead, condemned, headed for hell, and limited to inadequate human resources. Praise the Lord that in Him, we now are alive in Christ, justified, headed for heaven, and enriched by all the resources of His amazing grace. Amen!

Sharing the Freedom We Have in Christ With Those Behind Bars,

Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM team)

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is [Only One Light on Death Row](#), a testimony from Death Row as told to Chaplain Ray.



"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word and believeth on Him who sent Me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" - John 5:24