

A PRISONER OF



JESUS CHRIST

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TOPIC: A PRISONER OF JESUS CHRIST

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TEXTS: EPHESIANS 3:1, EPHESIANS 4:1; 2 TIMOTHY 1:8

INTRODUCTION

- Greek: δέσμιος
- Transliteration: desmios
- Pronunciation: des'-mee-os
- Definition: a captive (as bound): - in bonds prisoner. Paul used synonym chain to implies his restrictions to his master's order(Acts 28:20; 2 Tim. 1:16)
- KJV Usage: prisoner (14x), be in bonds (1x), in bonds (1x). Occurs: 16

PRESENTATION OF THE MESSAGE

A. THE BACKGROUND TO THE WORD AND CONTEXTUAL MEANING

- Paul's letter to the Ephesians brethren was written from prison. Far beyond his imprisonment physically, there are spiritual connotations.
- What are the implications of being in prison?
- Confinement, Restrictions, Denial of freedom either completely or relatively, humiliation, rejection and dejection, pains, loneliness, loss of comfort, psychological drain.
- However, with all these Paul still identify himself not a prisoner of man but Christ. Is Christ put Paul in prison Yes & No!

B. STATE OF IMPRISONMENT TODAY

- **1 Cor. 2:2. Jesus was crucified for our salvation, does this matter to you?**
- **Gal. 2:20: Are truly being crucified with Christ, if then, while living your former life?**
- **1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23: Is it some part of you that is bought by Christ or all?**
- **Gal. 6:17: Which Mark Of Christ Do you Bear or are you bearing?**

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C. OUR IMPRISONMENT THAT CHAINED US UP IN CHRIST

- **Stop talking the way you want, you are a prisoner, your freedom to talk anyhow is taken from you.**
- **Stop behaving the way want, you are been restricted and confined**
- **Stop living anyhow, your life is hidden in Christ, you are free.**
- **Stop dressing the way you want, you are wearing the mark of Christ in you.**
- **Stop manner, because prisoner are not allowed to operate the way they want except as directed.**
- **All your right to certain lifestyle have been taken from you, you are not your own.**

CONCLUSION

- **Do you accept being a prisoner of Christ?**
- **Live like one, but if not, serve your master the devil, because he is lousy and carefree. Everything is permissible or allowed with him.**
- **With us everything is lawful but not everything is permissible. 1 Cor. 6:12; 10:23**
- **Galatians 2:20**