

“JOHN SAW THE FEET”

Message #4

Text: Revelation 1:12-15A
Subject: “Your Glorious Escape From The Power Of Sin”

Introduction

- ◆ In Message #1 – John sees the ***Robe*** of Jesus...
 - ...How Jesus is our Faithful High Priest.
 - ...How Jesus carries your burden on His shoulders.
 - ...How Jesus carries your name upon His heart.
 - ...How Jesus gives you access into the very presence of God.
- ◆ In Message #2 – John sees the ***Hair*** of Jesus...
 - ...How Jesus is full of wisdom and without fault.
 - ...How God’s way is perfect in your life.
 - ...How wisdom comes to you through prayer, the Word, reverence, obedience and humility.
- ◆ In Message #3 – John sees the ***Eyes*** of Jesus...
 - ...How the eyes as a flame of fire are penetrating.
 - ...How the Lord comes to His temple as a refiner’s fire and fuller’s soap.
 - ...How fire penetrates and purifies simultaneously.

(Today – John Sees The ***Feet*** Of Jesus)

Revelation 1:15 Says:

“And His *feet* like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace”

(Remember Now:)

1. John sees Jesus standing in the midst of His church.
2. Jesus is revealing Himself for us all to see.
3. He is showing us what He is doing. **(Why?)**

- ◆ So that who He is and what He is doing will affect the way we live.

Question: How many of you want Jesus to have a positive affect on the way you live?

Question: How many of you are willing for Jesus to change anything in you that needs to be changed?

(The Question Today Is:)

- ◆ What does Jesus (having feet like bronze) have to do with you and me? (And)
- ◆ Why does Jesus show us a picture of two things here – ***Feet*** and ***Bronze***?

“And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace” is an incredible, encouraging and liberating truth for you and me:

- #1. There is the Feet (and)**
- #2. There is the Brass (or Bronze)**

(Why This Vision?)

#1. The feet show us Jesus' Power

- ◆ The feet of King Jesus here are a picture of a powerful king who has subdued His enemies.
- ◆ The enemies are now nothing more than the King's footstool.
- ◆ Ancient kings symbolized their powerful victories by literally placing their feet on the necks of defeated enemies.
- ◆ One of the Psalms (Psalm 110) announces the ministry of the Messiah to come (Psalm 110:1)

"The Lord says to My Lord; sit at My right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet".

(So #1, the feet show us Jesus' Power)

Question: The question is, what does Jesus have power over in Revelation 1:15?

#1. The **feet** show us Jesus' power (but)

#2. The brass (or bronze) on Jesus' feet show us what Jesus has power over.

(What Is It?)

- ◆ The brass is symbolic of the Old Testament brazen altar and brazen laver where sin was dealt with.

(In Exodus 27:1,2)

"Make an altar and overlay it with brass"

(In Exodus 30:18)

"Make a laver of brass to wash in and put it between the tabernacle and the altar"

Question: What was the purpose of the brazen altar and the brazen laver?

Answer: The brazen altar and brazen laver were two of the six pieces of furniture in the Old Testament Tabernacle.

- ◆ The tabernacle was a type of Christ,
- ◆ The tabernacle was established by God to fellowship with His people.
 - #1. It was a place of **sacrifice**,
 - #2. It was a place of **cleansing**,
 - #3. It was a place of **acceptance**,
 - #4. It was a place of **communion** with God in the Holy of Holies (the place where God chose to reveal His glory over the gold covered mercy seat).

#1. The **Brazen Altar** was the place where sacrifices were made:

- ◆ Blood was shed to give atonement and acceptance to the people.

#2. The **Brazen Laver** was the place of cleansing and sanctification:

- ◆ It was a large bowl formed out of brass mirrors – filled with water to cleanse the people before entering worship.
- ◆ So the brass altar was for **reconciliation** with God (where blood covered our sin).
- ◆ The brass laver was for **sanctification** by God (where water was used to wash away our defilements along the way).

(And Now In Our Midst)

John sees Jesus standing tall in the church

#1. Jesus shows us His *Feet* (Why?)

- ◆ Because Jesus has power and there is an enemy under His feet (His footstool)

#2. Jesus shows us His feet – that are **covered with brass** (why?)

- ◆ Because the enemy that has been subdued – is the governing principle of sin in the lives of His people.

(In Other Words)

#1. Jesus has **power!** (And)

#2. Jesus has power (**over sin**) to dominate your life any longer!

(The Question Today Is:)

- ◆ How does Jesus exercise power over sin's dominion in the life of a Christian? (or)
- ◆ How do you and I receive this ministry of Jesus – that He reveals to us – as He did John on the Isle of Patmos?

“And His feet like unto fine brass as if they burned in a furnace” (Revelation 1:15)

(You Have The Answer In Romans)

The Bad News Is Romans 5:19

“For as by one man's disobedience (Adam) many were made sinners”

(That Means)

- ◆ Everyone is born under the dominion of sin.
- ◆ Before salvation, the influence of sin dominates our lives.
- ◆ Without amazing grace, we are under the servitude of sin.

(What Is Sin?)

- ◆ Sin is that invisible force emanating from satan which impacts on the mind to stimulate the brain to think in terms of options and choices which destroy a person's divine potential.

(The Good News Is In Romans 6)

- ◆ (Verse 6), “The body of sin has been destroyed”.
- ◆ (Verse 7), “He that is dead is freed from sin”.
- ◆ (Verse 14), “For sin shall not have dominion over you”.
- ◆ (Verse 18), “Being then made free from sin”.
- ◆ (Verse 22), “Now (when?) now, being made free from sin”.

(That Means)

- ◆ Sin no longer has the legal authority or power to force you to make choices which destroy your divine potential in God.
- ◆ Sin now, has been overruled by a greater influence of the Holy Spirit within you.
- ◆ Sin's power is now under the brass feet of Jesus (because satan is the footstool not the head).

Question: What is Jesus doing here today, in our midst, with feet with fine brass? (Pg. 3 of 6)

Answer: He is revealing the truth of Romans 8:1-4.

(Verse 1), "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit'.

Question: How does Paul begin his song of victory?

Answer: (This way) The people who belong to Jesus are not condemned!

Question: What do the words "No condemnation" mean to you and me?

Answer: The Greek words (OUDEN KATAKRIMA) (Means:)

- #1. The penal consequences of sin.
- #2. The Divine displeasure over sin.
- #3. The judicial anger from sin.
- #4. The fear of future punishment because of sin.
- #5. The ultimate death (or separation from God) because of sin.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ There is rest and liberty for every believer.
- ◆ There is joy and freedom for every Christian.
- ◆ There is no fear for anyone vindicated.

Question: Who is it that is free from condemnation?

Answer: (Verse 1), "...Them which are in Christ Jesus" (or)

- ◆ Those who trust Jesus fully for their salvation.
- ◆ Those who have repented and agreed with God about their sin.

Question: What is the consequence of true repentance in the heart?

Answer: #1. Your conscience is relieved.

#2. Your favor with God is assured.

#3. Your acquittal is sealed.

#4. Your privileges are plentiful and many. (Why?)

- ◆ Because the Lord has removed the wrath of God against you (placing it upon Himself)
- ◆ (Verse 1), doesn't say "No mistakes", "No failures", "No sins, (we all have them).
- ◆ (Verse 1), does say, "Sin or satan have no legal right to condemn you (if you are in Christ Jesus)"

I. What Does It Mean To Be Free From The Law Of Sin And Death?

(Verse 2), "For the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".

Question: What is "The law of sin and death"?

Answer: "The law of sin and death" is the rule and reign of sin that results in death. (Repeat)

Question: What has happened to the law of sin and death in the believer? (2 things:)

Answer: #1. You are free from the law (or energy and power of sin that produces death).

#2. You now live in the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (v. 2) which means:

You live in the energy and power of the Holy Spirit that produces life!

(Notice Verse 2)

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" (Means:)

- ◆ The same spirit and energy and life in Jesus (is now the same spirit, energy and life in you).
- ◆ The same energy and power that raised Jesus from the dead (now fills believers to live Christian lives on earth).

- ◆ The same energy and power that brought Jesus out of the grave (is the same energy and power that brings us out of the tomb of sin and low living).

(In Other Words In Verse 2)

“Made me free from the law of sin” (Means:)

- ◆ The believer has been liberated to a new life of power and obedience and joy.
- ◆ The believer is now free to chose to please God in word, thought and deed.
- ◆ The believer is risen indeed from death to life (because of a new law of the Spirit).

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:2) Means:

- #1. We are all capable of sin.
- #2. We are all alive in a corrupted body.
- #3. We all possess the stain of sin in nature.
- #4. But we have all been delivered from the law of sin that seeks to rule our members.

(How Are We Free?)

- #1. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.
- #2. This new power which can rule over the old power!
- #3. This new law which now supersedes the old law bent toward sin.

(Simple Illustrations)

- ◆ You can go fishing, throw your line in the water with a sinker on it, and the line is pulled down to the bottom. Put a cork or bobber on the same line, and it will keep the line from sinking. (Why?) Because the one law supersedes the other law.
- ◆ You can weigh 150 lbs, not be able to swim and sink when you jump into the water. Yet, when you strap yourself to a 3 lb. flotation vest you are lifted up by its power. The law of the vest overpowers and overrules the law of gravity that pulls you down. You're still in the water, but as long as you remain in the vest, you are raised by its power and ability. The law of the vest supersedes the law of gravity and weight.
- ◆ Weights, temptations, enticements to sin – yes,
- ◆ But a greater power now rules us, which allows us to keep our heart clean and clear and free from contamination!!!

(Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice)

Fact: The law of sin leads to death!

Fact: But the law of the Spirit frees us from (or overpowers) the former law!

II. What Does It Mean That Christ Has Condemned Sin In The Flesh?

(Verse 3), “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

Fact: Before salvation we were in slavery to the rule and reign of sin.

Fact: Before salvation we were in bondage to an internal dictator that ruled and reigned.

Question: What did Jesus do to sin's rule at the cross?

Answer: “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans 8:3)

“Condemned Sin In The Flesh” (Means:)

- #1. Jesus abolished the ruling principle of sin to call the shots in your life and mine.
- #2. Jesus destroyed satan and sin in their power to overcome someone who is “In Christ”.
- #3. Jesus delivered those “in Him” from the dictatorship, rule and authority of sin.
 - Yes:** Sin still exists as an influence.
 - Yes:** Sin can still attack all who believe.
 - Yes:** Sin can continue to hurl its fiery darts of the world, flesh and the devil.

(But In Christ – We Are Dead To Sin) (In Other Words)

- ◆ Because Jesus gave his life to atone (cover) our sin, (He condemned sin in the flesh) (or)
 - #1. Jesus overcame,
 - #2. Jesus subdued,
 - #3. Jesus destroyed, the power of sin to influence you as long as you cooperate with Jesus.

Question: What does it mean to cooperate with Jesus? (It means:)

(Verse 1), “We walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit”

(Verse 4), “We mind not the things of the flesh, but those of the Spirit!”

III. What Does It Mean To Walk After The Spirit In Verse 4? (It Means:)

- ◆ We don’t live to gratify the corrupt desires that produce death.

(Instead)

- ◆ We live to gratify the impulses and promptings of the Holy Spirit that brings life and peace!

(How?)

- ◆ The Word in our minds enables us to discern the source behind every urge, impulse and desire.

(I Repeat)

- #1. If it is an urge from God, it will produce joy and peace.
- #2. If it is an urge from satan, it will produce guilt and death.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Away with every **objection** in living to please God.
- ◆ Away with every **excuse** that pales in the face of Scripture.
- ◆ Away with every **delay** in responding to the resurrected Christ.
- ◆ Away with every **reason** of why you cannot live victoriously over sin.
- ◆ Away with every **hesitation** as to why you’re not enjoying post-resurrection living.
- ◆ Away with every **lie** of satan who says God’s power is not really you’re power!

AMEN!
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