

is a deep sense and impulse, one of the deepest of our human nature. The sublimest moment in the history of Israel was when it sat upon the banks of the Red Sea, and saw the waters overwhelming all the enemies. Men have a mania for freedom. Dreadful are the crimes that have been committed in the name of liberty. Alas, they mean simply to be free from what they deem the oppression of their fellow-men. Alas, no particular enthusiasm to be free from the dominion of self and of sin. Jesus says, I was anointed to preach liberty to the oppressed. "If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed." Lazarus called out of the grave is free, but not at liberty, but bound hand and foot in his grave clothes, a picture of the Christian, living and yet unable to walk. "Loose him and let him go," was the Lord's word. It is His word still. Free them from the dominion of sin. Such proclamation our Lord makes. Here's a woman who is a shrew. She's converted, and tells her husband of her salvation. He is glad to hear it, though not a Christian himself. His wife however soon loses her temper with her husband, and he goes off; he has forgotten something and turns back after a little, and going back quietly, he hears the cry of his wife on her knees bemoaning her offence before God, and afraid that she has lost the confidence of her husband, and cannot influence him for good. Confidence is restored, he believes in the sincerity of his wife. But there is something better than simply being penitent when you fall; our Lord can bridle these tongues, that is His word, and we may say as Augustine said, "Lord, give that Thou commandest, and then command what thou wilt." For we understand every command to be an enabling one. We have only to place ourselves in our walking, at the disposal of our Lord, to be used by Him for His glory: and power to walk as He would have us walk, will not be lacking. The secret of deliverance from sin, is the complete dependence of helplessness upon Jesus, because "He shall save His people from their sins." There is no perfectionism in that, and because some of our friends go into extravagances, and forget that the flesh must dwell in them until they die; the principle of sin always there, and talk about living without sin for this and that length of time, surely we who know the truth must not hesitate to proclaim it, and let it take care of itself. Our salvation is a salvation from sin; Jesus is not merely an atoning sacrifice, but a living one. "If we are saved by His death, much more shall we be saved by His life."

Free and yet a bond servant of Christ. "I will walk at liberty," says David, "for I will seek thy precepts." Said a servant to Socrates when his friends were celebrating his birthday, "I have naught else to give my beloved master, so that I am here to once more give myself." Socrates loaded him with gifts and said, "I give thee back to thyself, richer than before." "Yes, my

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