

S.O.H.L.

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

April 11, 2016

Free at Last!

GALATIANS 5:1 NKJV – (1) Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

As I close the door of my car, I realize my problem. The keys are in the ignition and now the car is locked. No problem. I will just call the 1-800 number; I have 24-hour roadside assistance as part of my car insurance. I have already paid for this; no matter how many times I call for assistance, the service will be there with no charge.

Let me give you a picture of what Jesus' death on the cross did to purchase our freedom. Imagine that you are in a busy marketplace with activity everywhere. In the center of the marketplace, you are in the middle of an auction, and you are up for bid. As each successive bid is shouted out, you look in the eyes of those who are bidding on you and try to size them up. Are they kind? Cruel? Just as the bidding is slowing down, a stranger from the crowd stands up and offers a bid for you a thousand times higher than all of the other bids. No one can match or beat the stranger's bid. As the auctioneer hastily accepts, you look into the stranger's eyes and realize he is not bidding on you to use you, like a slave. He is buying you in order to set you free.

This is what Jesus did for you and me. He paid the price to set us free. The price for our freedom was so high we could never pay it yet He paid it for us.

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 1:33

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

T.G.I.F. - Thank God I'm Forgiven!