

S.O.H.L. (4/26/10)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Take off those shackles!

ROMANS 8:2-4 NASB – (2) And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. (3) The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. (4) He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

Many brothers and sisters are living daily in unnecessary bondage. Bondage you place yourself in because you refused to listen to God or take heed to His instructions of living life. So now your life has no peace. You live in guilt, tradition (this is what I am use to), emotional bondage and denial! Thinking it is o.k., though it truly isn't. What is the application to cure such circumstances?

Shackles – metal devices used to bind the legs or arms.

If you are a child of Christ, **the bible tells us in JOHN 8:36 NKJV** – (36) Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. You are truly a free man or woman! Your bondage is by choice. When Christ died for us, the cross unlocked us from the shackles of bondage. What has happened, is we reach down and clamp those shackles back together because we choose to be institutionalized in sin on a habitual bases. Now the devil has us believing there is no hope. My brothers and sisters of the faith, "**Take Off Those Shackles!**"

The bible tells us a story about Paul and Silas in **ACTS 16:16-40**. These men were jailed for doing the work of God. But one night while singing praises and praying to God, a great earthquake shook the prison door open and the shackles came off of them! My point is this, pray and cry out to God for your circumstances and watch Him open the doors of a clear path once again. Once the doors open, you must walk by faith and free from the bondage you once had.

You are not a slave, so "**Take Off Those Shackles!**" and walk in that abundant life God has called you to walk in.

SCRIPTURE READING

JUDE 1:5-11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let every ending be a new beginning.

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