

Luke: Deliverance, Part 4

- ✍ **Galatians 1:3-4** Our subject of deliverance has been an eye-opener; so much Scripture that tells us what a real believer is and what a fake is. The purpose of this mini-series is not so that we can be exclusive, but so that we can be discerning. We love lost people; our arms and doors are open to them.
- ✍ A refresher: A true believer is someone who has been delivered. The Bible gives us discernment as to what that deliverance looks like, **1st John 1:6; 1:8, 10; 2:3-4; 2:9; 3:6; 5:10-12.**
- ✍ "That's being judgmental,;" no, it's being discerning. Delivered from darkness to light, from error to truth, **Romans 6:17.** They obeyed because they were delivered. So, our message and our ministry is to get people delivered; then they will follow the truth and then will they leave the world and its seductions.

1. Delivered from the World

- ✓ We have a lot of things thrown at us every day, everything from economy to health care to trends, all the way down to what we wear or what we drive or where we live.
- ✓ **Galatians 1:3-4** It's what is called a Greek subjunctive; **it indicates purpose.** The purpose for which Jesus died was to deliver us from this present evil age; it is inherent in our salvation.
- ✓ Why did Jesus' die? To deliver us from this present evil system. Why deliver us from this system? Because it's dangerous and deadly.
- ✓ How do we know a person has been saved? They have been delivered from this evil system, what otherwise is called the "world."

2. The World

- ✓ "Evil age" Is not referring to a time, but a system that is characterized by evil. It started at the Fall and will go on until Jesus returns and establishes the kingdom of righteousness. Characterized by lies, deception, Satan's agenda, what is temporal, what is physical, what is passing, and what will be destroyed.
- ✓ **Galatians 6:14.** Crucifixion means death, so, Paul is saying that being dead to the world and the world to you means that it has no relation to the believer or vice versa. The World refers to ideas, ideologies, and values, **2nd Corinthians 10:5.**
- ✓ **Colossians 2:20,** When we were saved, we died with Jesus, His crucifixion counted for us and removed us from the world's system.
- ✓ "Elementary principles" Anything the world comes up with is childish compared to the things of God. The smartest people, with the most tremendous educations are only educated in arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic in new and more inventive ways.
- ✓ **John 2:15,** World here is "kosmos" in the Greek. Opposite of the Greek "chaos"= disorder; so kosmos means order. This Kosmos is this world system and present evil age of ideas and theories and values that have been designed by Satan to appeal to the lost whom he controls.
- ✓ But we are not under Satan's control, so we aren't in the darkness, in error, or in this worldly system. This is how we know what a real Christian is: the ones who love the worldly system and buy into its ideologies and believes aren't Christians!
- ✓ **1st John 2:16-17,** You have two different people here: People who love God and live forever and people who love this world and won't. The saved don't love this world; they've been delivered from it; their lives aren't consumed with what happens in this world; their lives are consumed with what happens in the next world!

The left leaning, liberal culture doesn't mind if we believe this book, but they don't want us to bring it out of the church.
