

Freedom Series My Chains Are Gone

Reading: [Hebrews 2:14–15](#)

Introduction

[Mark 5:1–5](#) **Read**

- Don't you know that he was already in chains?
 - He was overwhelmed by the demon possession
 - He had no control over what was happening to him
 - He must have only had the control the cry out, cut himself, and hide in the mountains and tombs.
 - The song by casting crowns called Set Me Free is an amazing song about this story from the perspective of the man's mind captured by the demons.

It hasn't always been this way. I remember brighter days, before the dark ones came and stole my mind and wrapped my soul in chains. Now I live among the dead, fighting voices in my head, hoping someone hears me crying in the night and carries me away.

Set me free of the chains holding me! Is anybody out there hearing me? Set me free!

Morning breaks another day and finds me crying in the rain. I am all alone with my demons

Who is this man that comes my way? The dark ones shriek and they scream his name

- Is this the one they say will set the captives free? Jesus! Rescue me!
- Most of us don't really understand this Bondage or Captivity
 - If we could have a short experience with it, we could understand the real freedom that Jesus offers. In Jesus...

1. My Chains Are Gone From The Bondage Of Sin

[John 8:31–32](#) Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

[John 8:33–36](#) They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free?'" Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- Sin Enslaves us; puts us into bondage
 - When we sin, we are slaves to sin.
 - We have no control over it. We say one thing, but want another

[Romans 7:15](#) For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

- In Christ, my chains, holding me to the bondage of sin, are gone

2. My Chains Are Gone From The Guilt Of Sin

[Romans 3:23](#) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- So, all are guilty who have sinned

- We stand before the judge condemned
- We are convicted by our own deeds
- Someone would say, "Well, I haven't done anything all that bad!"

[1 John 1:8](#) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

 - Don't think you're fooling anyone else, especially God!
 - Sin destroys and those who are guilty of it are destroyed and here's the kicker, ALL have sinned

[Romans 3:10–12](#) As it is written: "*There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.*"

- In Christ, **my chains are gone** from sin's guilt. It no longer binds me.

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace

3. My Chains Are Gone From The Power Of Sin

[Romans 6:23](#) For the wages of sin is **death**...

[Heb. 2:14–15](#) as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

- Fear of death:
 - That's what gives sin it's power. Fear of Death
 - When Jesus rose from the dead, Death was done.
 - Those who die in Christ will rise again!
- In Christ, my chains are gone from sin's power. Death has no control.
 - In Christ, there is no fear of death because it has no power.

Conclusion

- In Christ my Chains are gone. I've been set free!
- In Christ, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.