



The first five books of the Bible are referred to in several ways---the Books of Moses, the Pentateuch, Torah, the beginning of Old Testament. They offer us the story of God’s interaction with His people and His pathway in teaching them His holy character and how to worship Him. These books also provide us with the history of God’s deliverance---from slavery to freedom. It is an amazing journey of a group of slaves becoming the People of God and living out a message for the entire world. Pastor Rob Morgan is teaching a class on these specific books on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm in All Nation’s Sanctuary. The class runs through April 10, 2025, and each session is designed to stand alone—attend one or all of them!

I. DELIVERANCE STORY—FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

Exodus 3:7-10 ⁷ The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey--the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

1. In verse 7, what has God seen and heard?
2. Verse 8 describes God’s intent. God says he will do two things for the Hebrew people, what are they?
3. God’s stated purpose is to “bring my people out of Egypt”. In verse 10, God’s method is unveiled. How does He intend to accomplish this deliverance?
4. When you find yourself in a place where you cannot deliver yourself from your circumstances, what comfort can these verses offer?

II. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

We discover an even greater story of deliverance. It, too, is about freedom from slavery. However, this time it is not enslavement to a nation. It is slavery to “this present age.”

John 8:31-34 ³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

5. In John 8, the religious leaders are offended by Jesus’ teaching. Why?
6. In the dark, we cannot see. What were the religious leaders blind to?

7. Describe a time when you were unaware of your true spiritual condition. What opened your eyes to the “truth”?

The Hebrews were delivered from Egyptian slavery so they might occupy a new place—a land that flowed with milk and honey. Jesus’ redemptive work accomplished two great things:

- We were delivered from something.
- We were welcomed into something new.

Galatians 1:3-5 ³ *Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,* ⁴ *who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,* ⁵ *to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

8. Paul describes Jesus’ sacrifice as a rescue mission. What were rescued from?

Galatians 5:1 *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

9. In this same letter we are cautioned to guard our freedom and not become enslaved. What are some ways Christ-followers are burdened and enslaved today? How can you guard your freedom in Christ?

Colossians 1:13-14 ¹³ *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,* ¹⁴ *in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

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10. We are rescued from the dominion of darkness. What is our new destination?

11. What are two characteristics of our new life? (see Col 1:14)

12. The life of a Christ-follower is a life of great freedom. It has promise for time and eternity. In two or three sentences, identify a way in which Jesus has brought new freedom to your life.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I rejoice in the provision of Your Word. Grant me a hunger for the things of God. May Your truth become more precious to me than the things of this world. Guide me in paths of righteousness and deliver me from evil. You are my Hope and my Redeemer. In Jesus’ name, amen.