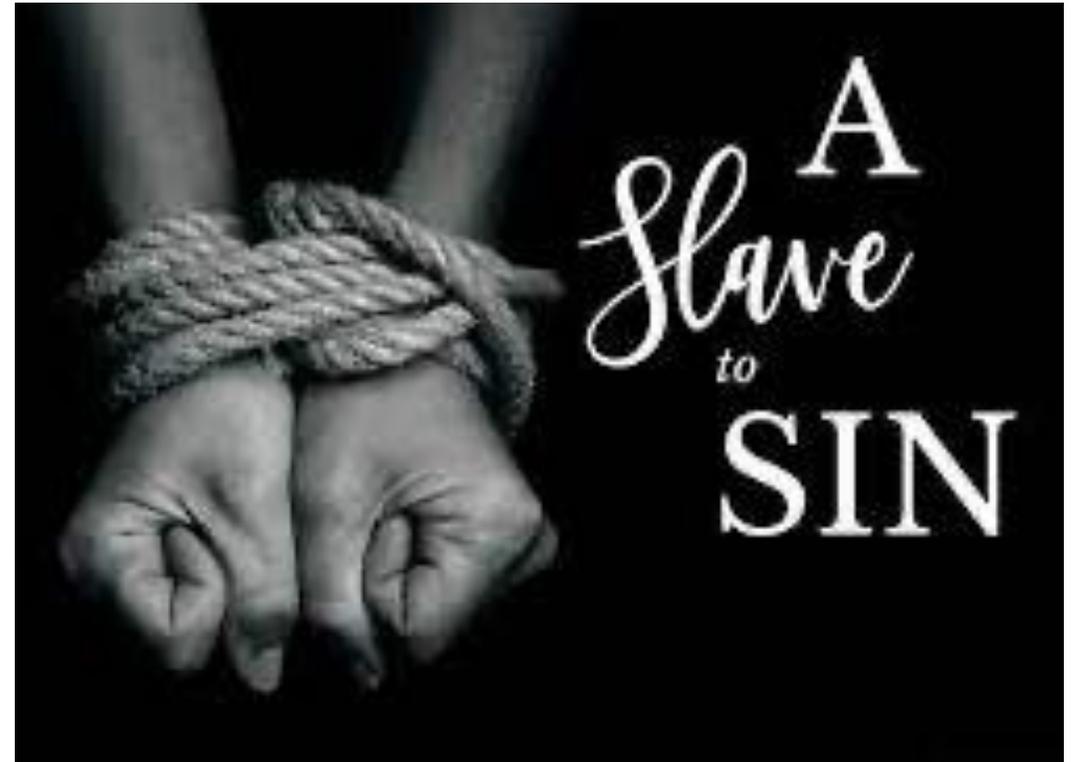


“See, you have  
been made well.  
Sin no more, lest  
a worse thing  
come upon you.”  
– John 5:14



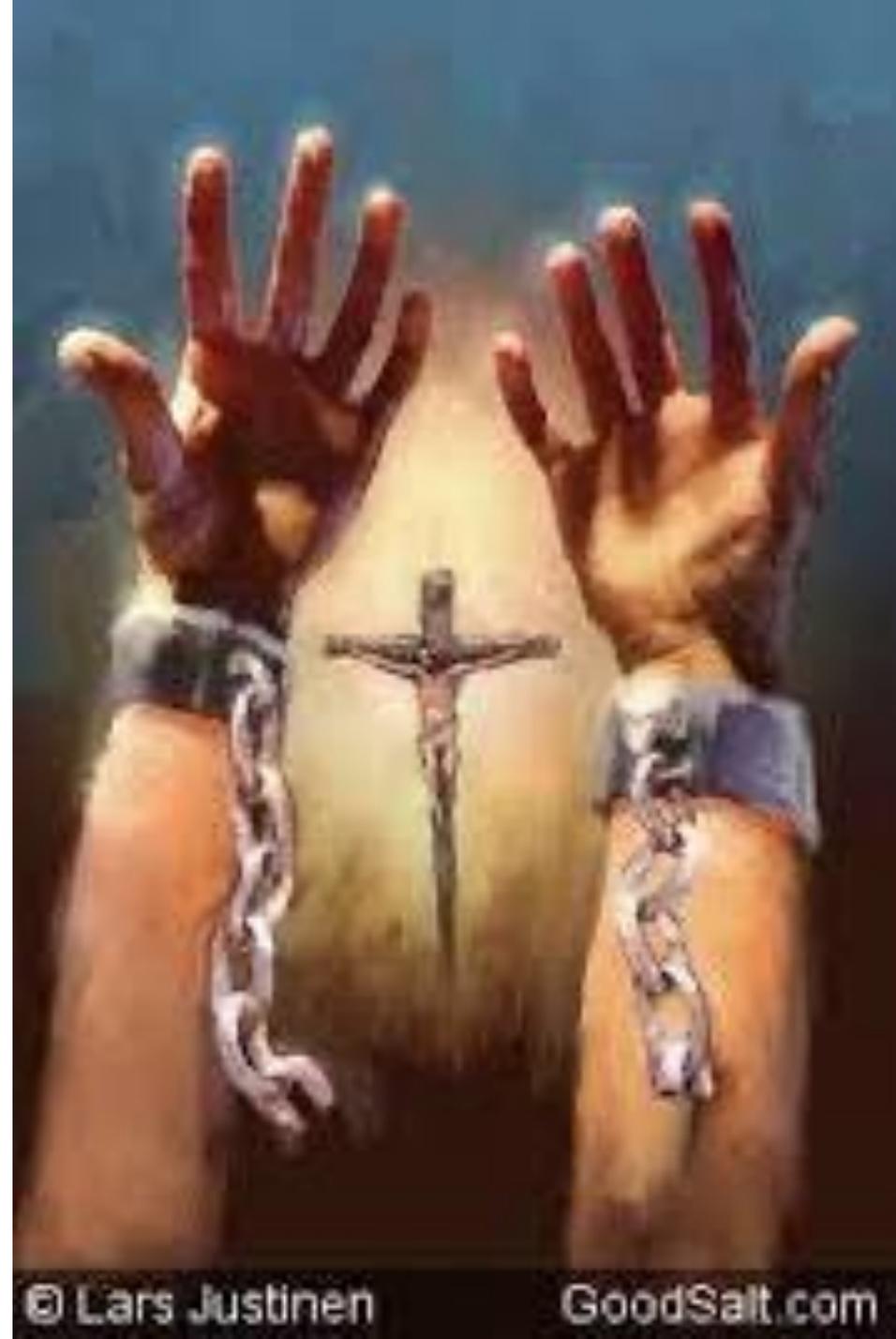
# We are all captives/slaves of sin

- “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.” (Jn. 8:34)
- “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” (Rom. 3:23)
- “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...” (Rom. 5:12)



# The Lord Christ came to set us free

- "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim **liberty** to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at **liberty** those who are oppressed..." (Lk. 4:18)
- 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." (Jn. 8:31-32)



The Lord  
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The Corruption of sin

The Power of sin

The Condemnation of sin

# The Corruption of Sin

- Man was created in the image of God
- Not only was humanity corrupted but all creation as well.
  - “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” (Rom. 8:20-21)



# The Corruption of Sin

- “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”  
(2 Cor. 3:18)
- EX: Queen Esther





# The Power of Sin

- Sin has the power to enslave us, despite the apparent harm it brings
  - “For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. 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...for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.” (Rom. 7:14-15,18-20)
- EX: Samson
- EX: David

# The Power of Sin

- Discipline the body
  - “Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.” (1 Cor. 9:26-27)
  - “For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.” (Heb. 12:3-4)
  - “But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.” (1 Tim. 4:7)

# The Condemnation of sin

- Everyone is guilty
  - “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Rom. 3:23)
  - “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (1 Jn. 1:8)
- Our unrepented sins separate us from God
  - “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.” (Is. 59:2)

# The Condemnation of sin

- Being IN Christ
  - “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” (Rom. 8:1)
- Being sons of God by adoption
  - For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (Rom. 8:15)
- We are united with Christ through the mysteries of the Church
  - “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” (Rom. 6:3-4)
- An ACTIVE member in the Church