

Notes used in the Message

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19-0320 - A Prisoner (Not My Own) - Aaron Roberts

EPHESIANS 4:1-7

- » **1** † ¶ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- » **2** † ¶ With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- » **3** † Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- » **4** † There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- » **5** † One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- » **6** † One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
- » **7** † But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

I CORINTHIANS 6:15-20

- » **15** † Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.
- » **16** † What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.
- » **17** † But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
- » **18** † Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
- » **19** † What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
- » **20** † For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

63-0803E INFLUENCE_ CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-6 SATURDAY_

« **55** † And we find that as long as this king felt that way, God blessed him. But when he got to a place that he wanted to not abide in his own calling, he wanted to take the calling of something else. And he thought, because that God had blessed him, that that was all right, he could do that.

56 But how sadly we make them mistakes! How, how bad! You, you must absolutely be honest. You mustn't, you mustn't do nothing unless God has directed you to it, and proves it, and vindicates it, and you know that it's God that's done it.

57 Usually, man of God, God has to run him down and catch the real man of God. It ain't those guys that wants a whole lot of something to do a whole lot with, you'd hard tell what they would do with it if they received it. See? But God usually has to catch His man, like Moses, and Paul, and like that, to run him down, to get glory out of his life, and let him become a prisoner to the Holy Spirit.

63-0717 A.PRISONER_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-8 WEDNESDAY_

« **68** † And I--I can't see here where Paul was regretting anything, and saying he was sorry he was a prisoner. But he was addressing himself... I believe that Paul, as he wrote this letter with that pen, that it was the Holy Spirit causing him to write that. That, maybe, even to this night, that we might pull out the context of our text, to show why Paul did this. Because, it's Scriptural, and Scriptural is Eternal. I believe, that, setting in this dingy old jail, that Paul wrote to his colleague here, that, his brother, that he was "a prisoner of Jesus Christ." So, he could express it by seeing what was around him. **Now, he was in jail, but that wasn't what he was speaking to, this--this servant of Christ, a minister with him. He was speaking that he was a prisoner to the Word of Jesus Christ, 'cause Christ is the Word.**

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« **70** † He had an ambition. And then to find, that, this great ambition he had been trained for, and had spent all of his life, from maybe the age of about eight or ten years old, up to about thirty or thirty-five, when he finished college and graduated; and had all of his diplomas and everything, and stood in good with all the--the clergy, even to the high priest at Jerusalem. He had orders from him, personal orders, written, and trusted with this great Saul, "To go down to Damascus and to find all those down there that worshipped God

contrary to what he said, and to bind them and put them in jail. If necessary, he had orders to put them to death, if he wanted to." He was... He had great ambition.

71 And now, all that he had trained for, God had took it all out of him. See? And what his objective was, and what his father had spent his money for, and the ambitions of his father and mother, was all had been taken away from him because that--that God had something else. Therefore, he was a prisoner from his objective that he had in life, and he had become a prisoner to Jesus Christ, Who was the Word.

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« **72** † That road to Damascus changed Paul. Going down, about eleven o'clock, perhaps, in a day, that he was stricken down. And he heard a Voice, saying, "Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" And he looked up. And looking up, being a Jew, and knowed that Pillar of Fire was the Lord that led the children of Israel, because he knew that's what It was.

73 Remember, this Hebrew would have never called anything "Lord," capital L-o-r-d, Elohim, unless he had been satisfied that that's what It was, because he was trained scholar. And when he looked up, and he seen This, a Light, a Pillar of Fire that had led his people through the wilderness. And he said, "Lord," Elohim, capital L-o-r-... "Lord, Who are You?"

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« **74** † And what a surprise it must have been to this theologian, to say, "I'm Jesus," the very One that he was so against. What a--what a turnaround! Oh! Oh! It must have been something terrific for this man, that all of his ambitions that he had, to find out, all at once, he had been persecuting. **His ambitions had drove him to--to farther away from the main thing that he meant to do. And what a--a great shock it must have been, for this apostle, when He said, "I am Jesus," the very One that he was persecuting. "Why persecutest thou Me?"**

75 Another little quotation we might drop in here. You see, as they make fun of the Church, they're not really making fun of the Church, they are making fun of Jesus. "Why persecutest thou Me?" How could Paul then, with all his intellect, believe that This was... that this Group that he was persecuting was the very God that he claimed to be serving? I think that's, without going into details, I think we're all well trained enough to know what I mean here. The same thing is happening today.

63-0717 A.PRISONER_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-8 WEDNESDAY_

« **80** † Now what if he said, "Well, I guess that was just a little blowover," and went on? "I'm going to follow my intellect"?

81 Now, he had to become imprisoned to something, a prison. So after comparing it, and seeing, no wonder he could write the Book of Hebrews, in a type. See? Three years and a half down there, laying in the Word, and finding out that the very God that called him was taking him back, and changing all of his intellects, changing all that he ever thought, all that he trained to be. **All his ambition, just wiped it away from him, and he became a prisoner. The love of God had been so tremendous, and such a--a revelation, that he could not get away from It.**

82 That's the true experience of every real believer who meets God. You--you come in contact with Something that's so great, that you... that--that you become a--a prisoner, to everything else. See? You--you get away from everything, to imprison yourself to This.

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« **92** † Maybe somebody could say, "Brother Saul, Brother Paul, we want you to come over here, because we got the biggest church. We got the biggest congregation. Your offerings will be great, and so forth."

93 But being pressed in the Spirit, he thought, "I got a brother over there. I'd like to go over and save this brother, get him to the Lord." But, yet, the Spirit pressed him to go somewhere else. He was a prisoner. Correctly.

94 O God, make us prisoners like that, from our own selfish ambition, and from our own judgments and our better way of thinking, to be a prisoner of Jesus Christ. I think that was a great statement, that, "I'm a prisoner to Jesus Christ."

95 And remember, He is the Word. See? No matter what anyone else thinks, it's the Word. See? If you're a prisoner to the Word, no denomination can sway you from It. It's--it's the Word. You're just... You're a prisoner to It, that's all. You must act the way It acts.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

« **150** † Moses, his intellectuals, he had to lose them in order to find Christ, to be a prisoner. Then when God got all the world beat out of him, and all of his mighty man that he was, and stand in the Presence of that Pillar of Fire that day, he was found just speechless. He didn't even, couldn't even talk, he said. God had a prisoner then. See? You won't try after your own searching. Then God had to endue this man, endow him with power enough that he could go down there.

151 And he said, "Lord, I told Pharaoh what You said, and he wouldn't do it."

152 He said, "Then take this, thy rod," God speaking, that's God's Word, "go out there and point it towards the East, and call for flies." And flies come into creation, because He had a prisoner that Pharaoh couldn't pay off with nothing. Nobody else could turn him no way. **He was a complete prisoner in the chains of God's Word, bound up only to THUS SAITH THE LORD.**

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

« **153** † **Oh, if God can get Him prisoners like that! Now, that's when He can express the preeminences, you see. He, He's got the man, or the person, so that he knows nothing but Christ.** You get what I mean? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] All right. That's secondly.

154 First, to express Hissself completely, God in Christ...

155 Second, to have the preeminences, by this, in His Church, which is His Body, the Bride, till He could have the preeminence to express Himself through them. All right.

156 And, thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position, that fell by sin by the first Adam, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening, with His people, talked with them, fellowshiped with them.

157 And now sin and death had separated them from His Presence and His entire expression. Do you read it? Before the foundation of the world, to express all of His--His--His attributes, what He was.

63-0801 A.PARADOX_ CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-3 THURSDAY_

« **164** † Do you believe in a paradox? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] I believe that God is wanting people to believe in a paradox. I've went way over my time. I believe it could be a paradox right here. Amen. **I believe that God is willing and wanting to take His people and show Himself. If He can only get a man or a woman, boy or girl, to lay down their own thoughts, and become a prisoner to Him and believe Him.**

165 He is His Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

166 And now He is in you, the hope of Glory, the same yesterday, today, and forever. He said, in Saint John 14:12, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall He do also."

61-0427 ONLY.BELIEVE_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_

« **E-16** † And Jesus had left Galilee, over in the land that He came from, and crossed over the sea, feeling led, no doubt, to go over to Gadara for revival. No doubt, but what the Father had led Him over across the sea to Gadara. And we all know the story that there was only one person saved; that was a maniac, in Gadara. And he was out into the fields and the cemetery. He had went wild. And they put chains on him, and the demon power could break the chains, and--and... I've often thought, going around insane institutions, and watch a person who's been possessed with those evil powers, how strong they are. They take a policemen sometime to beat them down.

Remember down in Florida, one night a--a man that wouldn't have weighed over a hundred and twenty pound, whipped five policemen just as easy as you'd whip your child. And--and then when that evil spirit went off of him, why, there was nothing hardly. He was just as meek as he could be. But it was a evil spirit.

And I thought, "If a man possessed with an evil spirit could break chains, what could he do if he was completely surrendered to God, with the power of God possessing him like that?" He could straighten every crippled leg, and do great things, if he could just be so anointed with God's power, as the devil could completely get a hold of him.

61-0427 ONLY.BELIEVE_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_

« **E-17** † Did you notice, that devil was so completely a hold of that man, until he--he even confessed Jesus: said, "We know who You are, the holy One of God. Why cometh to torment us before our time come?" See? He was so completely surrendered to the devil until the devil could use his tongue.

And you know, I like that. I hope this don't hurt nobody's feelings, **but we can get so completely surrendered to God till He can use our tongue too to--to speak in other languages, and to preach the Gospel, to sing the Gospel, to speak visions that we're looking at, and the mysteries of God, if we just completely surrender to the power of God. That's all. And if the devil can get a man under his control, and do that, what can God--God do with one, get one under His control?** See? So this maniac... And you notice, when Jesus was crossing the sea, the devil knowed that He was on the road to a great, win a great victory for God. And he tried to drowned Him that night, caused a storm to come up and... But Jesus knowed that God had sent Him, because He did only what God led Him to do.

56-0603 THE.LAMB'S.BOOK.OF.LIFE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« **E-51** † The 12th chapter of I Corinthians said, "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body and become members of that body." And then it's not what I've done, what I am, who I was, or nothing about it; it's what God has done for me in Christ. And we are perfected with our Sacrifice.

He makes no mistakes. He wouldn't bring you in, if you wasn't worthy. He knows your heart. That's right. He knows what you are. He knows your motives. He knows what you are. There's traps all along the road. Sure. The devil will cause you to stumble, and you say, "I didn't mean to do that. God, You know it." You're still perfect, because there's a perfect Blood offered for you every day, and a bleeding Sacrifice hanging before the throne of Almighty God. That's right.

Now, how did you get in there? God, by foreknowledge... Now, God said that Jesus... Now, put on your caps. Get open your heart. Look. The Bible said Jesus was the Lamb slain from the, where? Foundation of the world He was slain. Why? God, the Father, when He looked down and seen how...

Jesus never come just to die a haphazard death. He never come, say, "Well, maybe somebody'd have pity when they see the way I die and everything." No, it wasn't. God don't run His business like that. God runs His business perfect. That's right. He knowed exactly what was going to take place. That's where He could foresay. He knows exactly what He... He's not willing that any should perish. He's not willing. But if He's infinite, He knows who will and who won't. Therefore, you can rest assure. If you have received God and been filled with the Holy Ghost, you're anchored to your eternal destination. Correctly. See, He foreknows.