

## PRAYER SERVICE 7:30 TUESDAY NIGHTS AT THE HALL!

*Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. 6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. 7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. 9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. 11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.*

***Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal 6:8-10***

## Pastor's Commentary And Outline

### ORIGINALITY ?

Don't worry about originality, brethren; Christ never claimed it. He says, "The Words that I speak are not mine, but His that sent me." The Holy Spirit did not claim it; for it is written, "He shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak." In fact, the only original thinker and speaker in the Bible is he of whom it is written, "When he speaketh a lie He speaketh of his own" (John 8.44).C.H. SPURGEON

### AN EPITAPH OF PASTOR JOHN BERRIDGE 1716-1793

*(From 13th Street Baptist Church Bulletin)*

Here lies the earthly remains of John Berridge, Late Pastor of Everton, and an itinerant servant of Jesus Christ, who loved His master, and His work, and after running on His errands many years was called up to wait on Him above.

I was born in sin, February, 1716.

I remained ignorant of my fallen state til 1730.

I lived proudly on faith and works for salvation til 1754.

I fled to Jesus Christ alone for refuge. 1756.

I fell asleep in Christ, January 22, 1793.

O to grace how great a debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness like a fetter

Bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it-

Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart - O take and seal it,

Seal it for Thy courts above.

Sermon outline: “A model for liberation”

(1) **A paradigm for comprehensive liberation:**

Redemptive / Personal / Social: Gal 4:26 / Phil 3;20

(2) **The moral/ethical implications:** What / how of right and wrong;

Luke 2:22 / Eccl 8:9 4:1 - Oppression and it's consequences

(3) **The nature of slavery:** Ex 21:16 / Rev 18:13 “ Mark of Babylon

Product of the fall / An hideous evil / Pervasive; invasive

(4) **Slavery a principle of sin in the heart:** Eph 4:19/ Rom 6:12/ John 8:34

(5) **A return to it, typified by Israel:** 2chron 12:1,2/7-11

**Application:** A warning to us, America, (a) It's departure from God

(b) It dealings with men as slaves.

(6) **The controversy of the epistle:** How to effect liberty?

Social demand or spiritual transformation? Vs 14

1. Sympathizers / 2. Antagonist

(7) **A call to freedom- for the glory of God!**

Problem / Purpose / Pattern / Parable:

Vs 14 / vs. 9,10 / Heb 7:25 : John 8:36

**Application:** The deliverance for all men starts from heaven.

With a mediator who knows something about slavery.

## GOD'S MERCIES

*LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Ps 139:1-6*

The psalmist is addressing God's total care for His people. His eternal concern with their everlasting welfare. He acknowledges God's foreknowledge, His predetermination, His preservation, and His protection of this lowly creature, and it overwhelms him. It should. It should. And it should overwhelm you as well. How that our God, has been so gracious to lead you in paths of righteousness for His namesake.

When all along the way, many times, you have sought your own way, only to find that your covenant keeping God, will not let you go! Oh the Wonder!

If I am before you this day, preaching the gospel, calling you to walk with Christ in this dark and darkening world, it is because God, kept me one more day. Me and many of our family members with us. We must have had a thoroughly enjoyable time at Soda Spring. And were allowed to bask in God's creation for a season, taking a break from the drudgery of life, as we know it. This too is His mercy. Wish you were there!

Maybe next time!

Now to the business of learning about our Saviors pleading power, and persistent pursuit of the objects of His grace and mercy, and our obligation to follow His pattern, in Paul.