

Devotion
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Easter Freedom or prison life?

Prison is a terrible place to be. The loss of freedom becomes as much a state of mind and emotions as a state of body.

The Bible teaches that every single one of us have experienced the prison existence. In fact, we were born in prison. *It is a prison of the soul, described in the Scriptures as spiritual death.* It is as horrible a place as any prison built with hands can be. And from this prison of spiritual death many never are released. Many die there without ever experiencing life.

Ephesians 2:1eff: *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air....And God raised us up with Christ.*

This text contrasts the past prison of death into which we were born, with our present position of living in the Body of Christ, the Church, into which those of us who have put our faith in Christ, have been brought. It is this freedom of life received through the resurrection of Christ that we celebrate during Eastertide.

This is a word of hope.

It is a revelation of the grace providing for us the true pardon from sin and deliverance from the shackles of death. The Body Life also creates for us the opportunity to be pardoned and loved by our peers, our family and our faith community and share in God's mercy for all eternity.

Do you understand how blessed you are? Do you understand just how much you have to be thankful for? ***Do you realise what you can do through the resurrection power of Jesus?***

By knowing that living the Body Life means *to be resurrected from death and released from the prison of sin*, you can truly appreciate just how far you have journeyed with Christ.