



## Freedom

As you know from my last newsletter, I just completed five weeks of daily radiation treatments. It would be nice if that was the end of the road for the cancer, but they tell me I will have to live with it for the rest of my life (they also told me at the beginning of the year that I would have about a year to live and I'm pretty sure that prognosis has changed), so who knows what the future holds. I, of course, would like to be free of it but it serves as a reminder of our constant battle with sin.

## Freedom from the penalty of sin

When a repentant sinner puts his trust in the Savior he is immediately free from the penalty of sin. Jesus took that penalty on Himself at the cross. Jesus said in John 3: 14-15:

*As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.*

This was a reference to the people of Israel who were bitten and dying from poisonous snakes because of their rebellion. The solution God provided was a simple act of faith, "look at the pole and believe." Any Israelite who did this was instantly free from the death sentence of the deadly snakes. Likewise, we are free from sin's death penalty when we look to the Savior on the cross.

## Freedom from the power of sin

The Christian life goes on and we are offered freedom from the power of sin as well. This requires walking with God and daily confession. 1 John 4:4 says:

*You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He that is in you than he who is in the world.*

As we walk with God we actually gain power over sin.

## Freedom from the presence of sin

When a believer dies, he is instantly ushered into the presence of God in heaven where sin is not present and we can worship God throughout eternity without the encumbrance of sin.

In the mean time, I struggle with the presence of my esophageal cancer and look forward to the day that I am 100% free of it.

## Ministry update

I have asked you, in other letters to pray for Chris. He lives in Texas now but one of his friends loaned him a Bible and he promised to read it. Pray that he keeps that promise and is convinced by the words of Scripture.

## During radiation treatments

I had to wear a mask to keep my head from moving. It's a little creepy but here's what it looked like:

## Thanks again

Your prayers mean the world to us. I started this ministry when I thought the cancer was behind me. God had other plans. If you want to hear my testimony at your church or group contact me at [preacherman@davidchristensen.life](mailto:preacherman@davidchristensen.life)

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