



# Winning the Mind Wars

## Part 8—Addiction and Redemption

### Review

- Series on winning the mind wars we all battle. If we lose the mind wars we lose life Jesus came to give us. Our thought life is that important!
  - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- **Stronghold:** A satanic lie, a generational mindset or a human wounding that you have listened to long enough, believed strongly enough, and owned deeply enough that it becomes part of your identity. It has fortified itself in you and dictates your thoughts, beliefs, actions and reactions. It is an unholy filter through which all thoughts pass.

### Addiction

#### Addiction Definition

- Trying to meet a deep spiritual need with an unholy destructive solution.
- Trying to find peace apart from the Prince of Peace, salvation apart from the Savior, healing apart from the Healer, or satisfaction apart from the Satisfier.
- Deep spiritual needs:

Spiritual Need	Destructive Solution	Jesus Answer
Peace and relief	Drugs and Alcohol	Redemption
Love	Unholy relationships and unholy actions	Redemption
Acceptance	Pornography	Redemption
Significance	Money, status, and power	Redemption
Friendship	Whatever peer pressure demands	Redemption

- Broken and hurting people surrender themselves to destructive solutions that lead them to deeper levels of brokenness, addiction, bondage and strongholds that they feel powerless to overcome!
- Devilish cycle: We're tempted and feel condemned, disgusted with ourselves, and then the cycle starts again because we don't know how to win or have victory. We are caught on a treadmill of failure and condemnation.

#### Set Free

- Good news: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to set people free from broken, addicted, imprisoned lives.
  - Luke 4:18
  - John 8:32,36

### Redemption

## Redemption Defined

- The purchasing of a slave out of bondage and into freedom.
- Webster's Dictionary: "The ransom or deliverance of sinners from the bondage of sin. The act of procuring the deliverance of persons or things from the possession and power of captors. The redemption of prisoners taken in war."<sup>1</sup>
- For every sinner or saint who finds themselves in bondage to sin and has been taken captive and feels hopeless, redemption says you can be free!

## Settled Forever

- Just like salvation, sanctification, justification, reconciliation and identification, it's all been settled. It's a done deal. "It is finished (John 19:30)!" The price has been paid!
- Hebrews 9:12

## Through Jesus' Blood

- Jesus paid the price of His own blood to purchase us out of sin's slavery and addiction. It was done once and for all, it's settled, plead the blood!
  - Ephesians 1:7
    - This redemption is ours now because it was settled eternally 2,000 years ago! Yesterday's redemption empowers today's freedom! Plead the blood!
  - Colossians 1:13-14
    - We are *delivered* from the power of darkness, *transferred* to His Kingdom, *redeemed* through His blood, and *forgiven* of sin!

## Power of Salvation

- Titus 2:11-14
  - Salvation teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. It teaches us to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present age. All of that is possible because we've been redeemed from every lawless deed and purified for Jesus Himself!
    - God hasn't asked us to live in any way He hasn't empowered us through the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ!

## Appropriate Redemption

- Romans 6:6-7
  - Our old man (nature or way) was crucified. Sin was done away with, and we are no longer slaves, but free from sin!
- Romans 6:11
  - When sin tempts, you need to reckon your "self" dead to sin and alive to Jesus!
- Romans 6:12
  - Don't let sin reign. Bring it to obedience because it is not God's will for our life. We must plead the blood!
- Romans 6:13
  - Don't present self to sin, and don't give sin opportunities. We must RUN from it and present ourselves to God!
- Romans 6:14

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<sup>1</sup> Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary: Eleventh Edition, (Merriam-Webster, Inc, 2004), ebook edition

- Sin shall not have dominion over you, enslave or addict you. You are under God's redeeming grace that is infinitely more powerful than anything the enemy has to enslave you!
- Romans 6:17-18
- I was a slave of sin, I was delivered and I've been set free! Know it! Believe it! Appropriate it!

### **Song of Heaven**

- Revelation 5:9-10
- The song of redemption is being sung in Heaven. The issue of redemption has been settled in Heaven, and the power of redemption is ours on earth!

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### **Redemption PreScripture Prayer**

Father, thank You for visiting and redeeming Your people (Luke 1:68).

Thank You that Jesus is my Redeemer (1Corinthians 1:30),

And, that Jesus came to set me free from sin, bondage and addictions of all kinds (Luke 4:18).

I know whom Jesus sets free is free indeed (John 8:32,36),

And, that it was for freedom's sake that Jesus set me free (Galatians 5:1).

Thank you Father that Jesus in me is greater than anything in the world (1 John 4:4),

And, that my faith in Jesus gives me the overcoming victory from this world (1 John 5:4).

Thank you Father that I have the victory through Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Father, right now, I repent of a sinful, addictive lifestyle (John 8:11).

Because it is clearly Your will, I renounce the strongholds of addiction and bondage to sin.

I receive Your cleansing and forgiveness (1 John 1:9).

I believe that by Jesus' blood I have redemption and forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7).

I believe that Jesus' blood is both precious and powerful and that it was shed for me and my freedom (1 Peter 1:18-20).

I believe Jesus has redeemed me from every lawless deed and purified me for Himself and that I am special in His sight (Titus 2:14).

I've been redeemed and I know and believe that I'm no longer a slave of sin (Romans 6:6).

I know and believe I've been freed from sin (Romans 6:7).

I know and believe I'm dead to sin (Romans 6:11).

I refuse to let sin reign in me (Romans 6:12).

I refuse to present myself to sin and unrighteousness (Romans 6:13).

I will present myself to God for righteousness (Romans 6:13).

Because of what I know and believe about redemption, sin has no dominion over me (Romans 6:14).

I've been redeemed, delivered, set free and am now a slave of righteousness (Romans 6:17-18).

I believe that my redemption has been settled for all eternity (Hebrews 9:12).

Thank You God for redeeming me through Jesus Christ (Romans 3:24).

Redemption is my song from this day forward and forever more (Revelation 5:9).

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Amen