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**(John 8:36),** *“So if the Son makes you free, then you are unquestionably free.”* **AMP**

**The blood of Jesus provides the only solution to our greatest problem.....**

**[Ps. 51:5],** *“I was brought forth in [a state of] wickedness; In sin my mother conceived me [and from my beginning I, too, was sinful].”* **Amp**

**Apart from the redeeming power of the blood of Jesus Christ, we were doomed!**

- *[Rom. 5:8], “But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” AMP*
- **Our biggest problem solved!**

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## **[Luke 24:44-49]**

*44 Then He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you, everything which has been written about Me in the Law of Moses and the [writings of the] Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”*

*45 Then He opened their minds to [help them] understand the Scriptures,*

*46 and said, “And so it is written, that the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day....*

*47 and that repentance [necessary] for forgiveness of sins would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

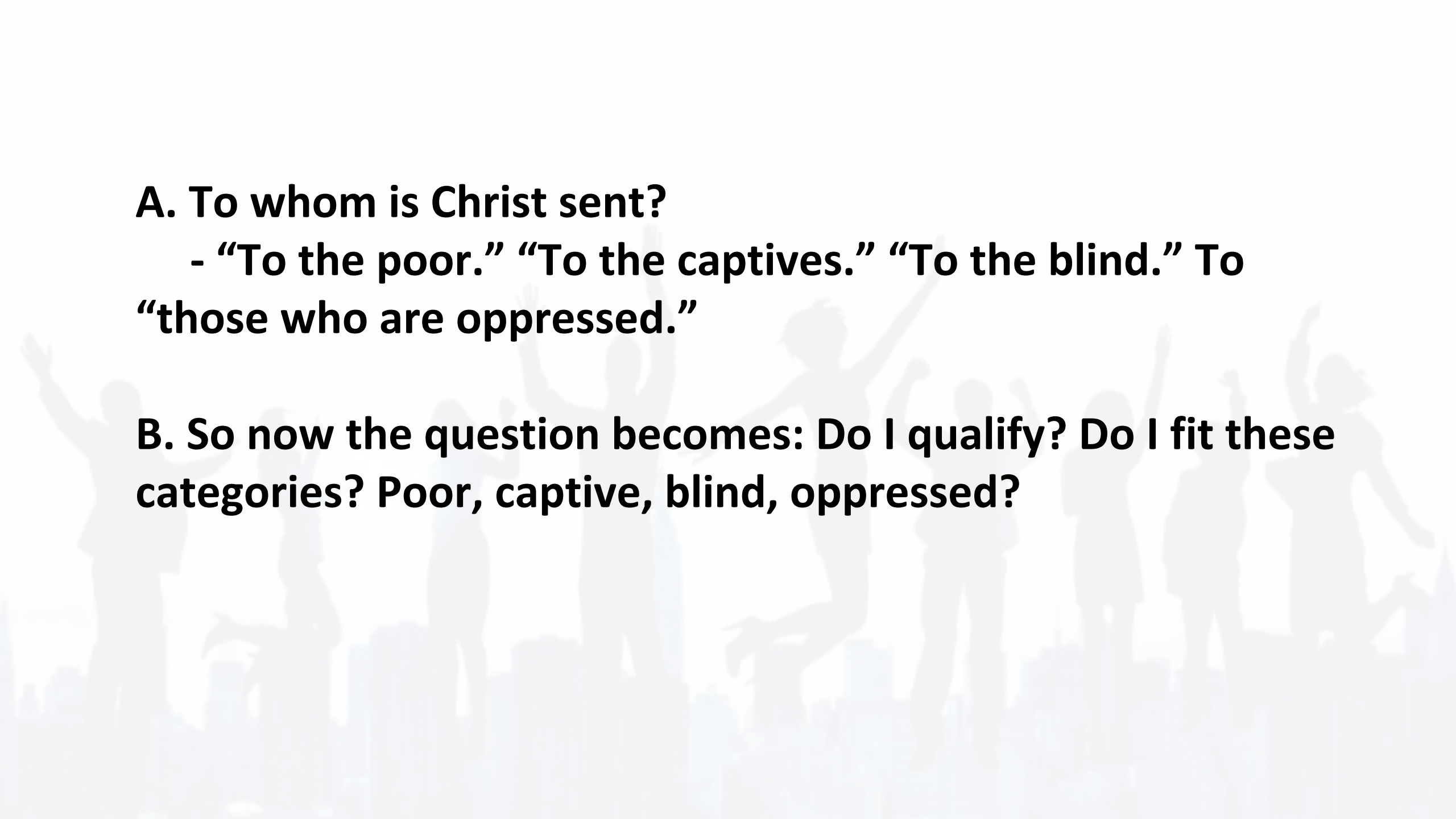
*48 You are witnesses of these things.*

*49 Listen carefully: I am sending the Promise of My Father [the Holy Spirit] upon you; but you are to remain in the city [of Jerusalem] until you are clothed (fully equipped) with power from on high.” **Amp***

**A. To whom is Christ sent?**

**- “To the poor.” “To the captives.” “To the blind.” To “those who are oppressed.”**

**B. So now the question becomes: Do I qualify? Do I fit these categories? Poor, captive, blind, oppressed?**



## 1. By nature we are poor.

**[Job 1:21]**, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

**[Mat. 5:3]**, *“Blessed [spiritually prosperous, happy, to be admired] are the poor in spirit [those devoid of spiritual arrogance, those who regard themselves as insignificant], for theirs is the kingdom of heaven [both now and forever].”* **Amp**

## **2. The captives - That is our condition by nature!!! In prison, and unable to free ourselves.**

**(Rom. 7:14-25),** *14 We know that the Law is spiritual, but I am a creature of the flesh [worldly, self-reliant—carnal and unspiritual], sold into slavery to sin [and serving under its control].*

*15 For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled and bewildered by them]. I do not practice what I want to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate [and yielding to my human nature, my worldliness—my sinful capacity]....*

*16 Now if I habitually do what I do not want to do, [that means] I agree with the Law, confessing that it is good (morally excellent).*

*17 So now [if that is the case, then] it is no longer I who do it [the disobedient thing which I despise], but the sin [nature] which lives in me.*

*18 For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh [my human nature, my worldliness—my sinful capacity]. For the willingness [to do good] is present in me, but the doing of good is not.....*

*20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want to do, I am no longer the one doing it [that is, it is not me that acts], but the sin [nature] which lives in me.*

*21 So I find it to be the law [of my inner self], that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.*

*22 For I joyfully delight in the law of God in my inner self [with my new nature],*

*23 but I see a different law and rule of action in the members of my body [in its appetites and desires], waging war against the law of my mind and subduing me and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is within my members.*

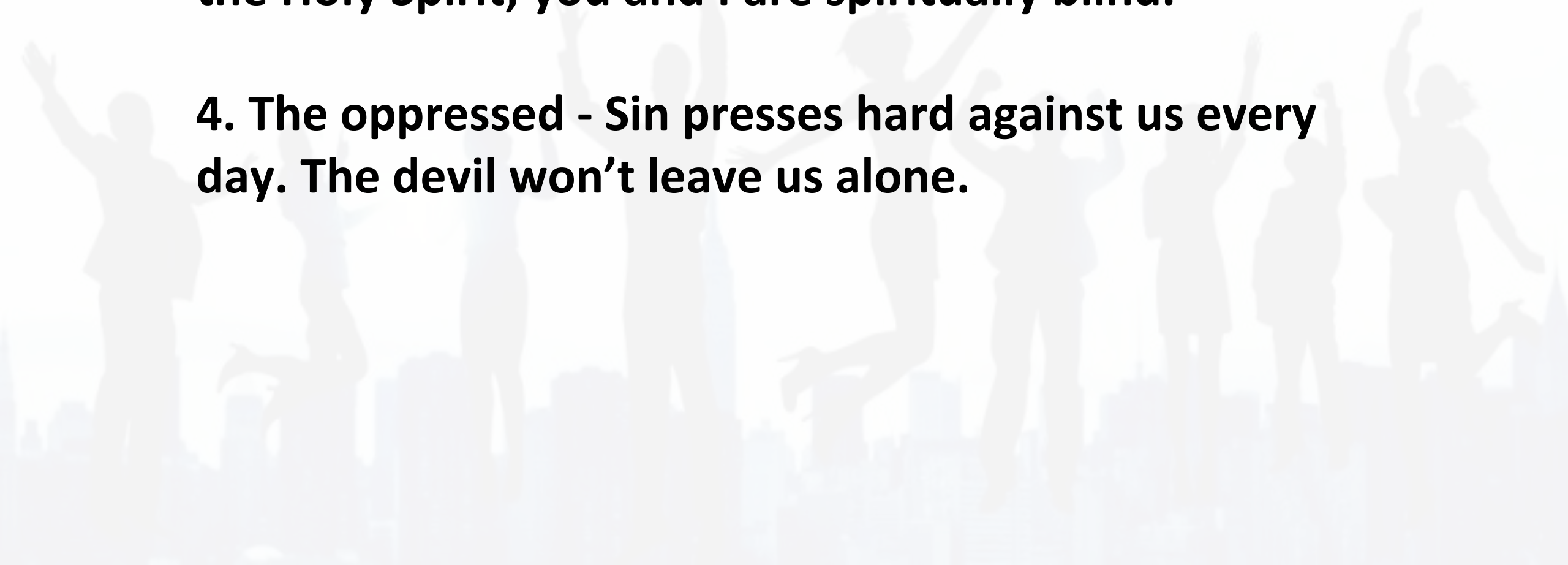
*24 Wretched and miserable man that I am! Who will [rescue me and] set me free from this body of death [this corrupt, mortal existence]?*

*25 Thanks be to God [for my deliverance] through Jesus Christ our Lord!" **Amp***



**3. The blind - Without the enlightenment/power of the Holy Spirit, you and I are spiritually blind.**

**4. The oppressed - Sin presses hard against us every day. The devil won't leave us alone.**



**[Rom. 8:35-39],** *35 Who shall ever separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?*

*36 Just as it is written and forever remains written,  
“FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE  
ARE REGARDED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER.”*

*37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us].*

*38 For I am convinced [and continue to be convinced—beyond any doubt] that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present and threatening, nor things to come, nor powers,*

*39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the [unlimited] love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Amp***

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