

Agents of Restoration
April 8, 2018

I **SLIDE** Review

A) **2 Timothy 1:6-8 (NIV)**. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God,

B) Resurrection of Jesus and Passover

II **SLIDE** Celebrated Passover with four cups of wine

A) Sanctification, Deliverance, Redemption, Praise

B) **SLIDE** The Cup of Sanctification:

- 1) The state of being sanctified
- 2) Sanctify:
 - a) To set apart for a sacred purpose
 - b) To free from sin; To make clean, render pure
- 3) **Hebrews 9:13-14 (NIV)** ¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are **outwardly** clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death [useless rituals] so that we may serve the living God!
- 4) **SLIDE Hebrews 10:10 (AMP)** ¹⁰ And in accordance with this will [of God], we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made **once for all** of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One).
- 5) **John 15:16 (NIV)** [Jesus says,] **You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last--and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.**

- 6) **SLIDE** Sanctification can only come through and by Jesus Christ
- C) **SLIDE** The Cup of Deliverance:
- 1) Israel's escape from Egypt is our story as well
 - 2) **Luke 4:18 (NIV)** [Jesus proclaimed,]¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,
 - 3) **Acts 13:38-39 (ICB)**³⁸ Brothers, you must understand what we are telling you: You can have forgiveness of your sins through Jesus. The law of Moses could not free you from your sins. But **everyone who believes is free** from all sins through him.
 - 4) **SLIDE** Deliverance can only come through and by Jesus Christ
- D) **SLIDE** The Cup of Redemption:
- 1) The action of saving from sin, error, or evil
 - 2) The action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment
 - 3) **1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV)**¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
 - 4) **SLIDE 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)**¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.
 - 5) **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)**²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 - 6) This is cup of communion
 - 7) **SLIDE** Redemption can only come through and by Jesus Christ
- E) **SLIDE** The Cup of Praise:
- 1) To express warm approval or admiration
 - 2) To bless, exalt, glorify, magnify, thank - all at same time

- 3) **Exodus 9:1 (NIV)** ¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, so that they may worship me."'
- 4) **SLIDE Ephesians 1:5 (NIV)** Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the **free gift he gave us in his dear Son!**
- 5) Jesus does not sanctify us, deliver us, and redeem us to **MAKE** us praise Him
- 6) Jesus does all of this so we **CAN** worship Him in spirit and truth
- 7) **SLIDE** True praise can only come through and by Jesus Christ

III **SLIDE** Agents of Restoration

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- B) **SLIDE** ⁹ who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
- C) **SLIDE** Restoration
 - 1) The act or action of returning something or someone to a former condition
 - 2) Restoring to an unimpaired or improved condition
 - 3) **SLIDES of restoration**
 - 4) **SLIDE** We are agents of God's restoration because we have the truth
 - 5) We have traveled that road to salvation after being delivered from captivity

- 6) We have been sanctified, delivered, and redeemed through and by Jesus Christ so we can praise Him in Spirit and Truth
 - 7) **SLIDE** We have experienced the truth of Paul's words: The power of God and the blood of Jesus has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
 - 8) The resurrection of Jesus is not a one-day-a-year story.
 - 9) It is THE story of all creation
 - 10) **SLIDE** We are agents of restoration because we have lived this story
 - 11) We have drunk from these cups that Jesus offered us
 - 12) We are agents of restoration because we can bring others to this table where they, too, may drink
- D) Communion