

# Understanding Idolatry Pt 4:

## Deliverance from the penalty and power of Idolatry (Sin)

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2 Cor 2:11 *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."*

Review: Jesus taught us to pray *"deliver us from evil..."* **Ponēros: evil {in effect or influence}, diseased.**

Satan uses Idolatry to "delivers us to evil" 1 Cor 10:20 *"the Gentiles sacrifice... to devils, ...and I would not that ye should have fellowship (koinōnos: partner, common) with devils."*  
(daimonion: demons!)

Satan uses the temptation of idolatry (promises of satisfaction) to:

- Get us to drift from God. Jms 1:14 *"tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust"*
- Get us caught in the current (infection) of sin. Vs 14 b *"and enticed"* (deleaz'ō: trapped)  
15 *"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin:"* (Hamartia: trespass, offence)
- Get us shipwrecked by sin. Jms 1:15 *"and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."*

Jesus came to *"deliver us from evil..."* Mt 6:13

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His Sacrifice on Calvary can deliver us from:

1. The Penalty of sin (Ro. 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:21; Lk 19:10; Rev. 1:17,18) Heb 9:26 *"but now... hath he appeared to put away sin (athetēsis: cancel, disannul) by the sacrifice of himself."*

A. We avail ourselves of this gift by Faith! (Jn 3:16; Gal. 2:8,9; Ro. 5:1-2)

B. This is known as Salvation! Gabriel's message to Joseph: Mt 1:21

2. The Power of Sin! 1 Cor 5:7,8 *"Purge out therefore the old leaven, (sin) that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us..."*

A. We also avail ourselves of this by faith. Ro 6: 3 *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life...6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin...11 Likewise reckon (logiz'omai: take inventory, realize) ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."*

**"Reckon" and "let not" are imperative verbs (signifying a command) in the present tense. (continual action)**

1) This is both a command and a choice (with consequences) Ro 6:13,14

13 *"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield (Paristēmi: stand/stay beside. {Also an imperative verb in present tense!} yourselves to God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members (bodies) as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."*

- 2) This is a consistent choice. Galatians 2:20-21 *"I am crucified with Christ: (systauro'ō: extinguished with) (perfect tense {action has already happened} passive voice {it happened to me}); indicative mood {statement of fact}) nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me! and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate (Athete'ō: despise, neutralize, reject, disannul) the grace of God."*

## B. Deliverance from The Power of Sin involves

1) Prayer of Dedication (surrender Ro. 12:1,2)

2) A Process of Sanctification. 1 Th.2:13 *"God hath ...chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

1 Th 5:23-24 *"the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."*

## Conclusion: Idolatry (sin) delivers us to evil. Jms 1:13-15

Jesus wants to *"deliver us from (the penalty and power or) evil..."* Mt 6:13

Deliver (rhy'omai) has the idea of choosing (getting caught up in) a (different) current/path.

We choose which path (current) we take. Pr 4:23-27 *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life...26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. .. 27 turn not ... remove thy foot from evil."*

1 Cor 10:13-14 *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry."* Get and Stay out of the current of sin!

## Application: How can we shift currents/paths?

- 1) Recognize Satan's devices. (purpose/disposition) Jms 1:14 *"drawn away of his own lusts and enticed."* (dolos: trapped)
- 2) Realize where Satan's path/current leads! 15 *"sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."*
- 3) Resist the temptation to drift from God. 16 *"Do not err, (planao: drift from safety) my ...brethren."* (See 1 Peter 5:8,9; James 4:7-8)
- 4) Remember God's purpose/plan. Jn 10:10b; Rev. 4:11; Jms 1:15-17; Lk 12:31-32
- 5) Realize (take inventory) of our own evil infection. James 1:19-20 (Eph. 4:26; 1 Jn 1:6-8)
- 6) Repent (metanoe'ō: think differently) of (and about) our sin. 24a *"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity (abundance) of naughtiness, (kakia: malignity) (see 1 Jn 1:9,10)*
- 7) Receive God's Truth into your soul. 24b *"and receive with meekness the engrafted word, (take God's "prescription" {entole}) which is able to save your souls."*
- 8) Respond to what God is teaching you! 22 *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."*

Rev 12:9-11 *"the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, ...which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ...11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."*

**Will you allow yourself to be "overcome" by the devil,  
or purpose to be an "overcomer"? (Ro 8:31-39; 1 Jn 4:4; 5:4)**