**ROYAL-WAY CHAPEL**

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS MANUAL 5TH NOVEMBER, 2023.**

**Topic: CAGED CHRISTIAN**

**Text: John 10:7-10**

*Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

**Memory Verse:**

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* **John 8:32**

**Who’s a Christian?**

A Christian as seen in the early church are those who pattern their lives after Christ, but today everyone has seen himself as Christian just because he goes to church.

Have you ever noticed any bird in a trap, the bird had been walking and flying freely before being ensnared in the trap. Most times, they try to take a meal which was put as a bait and “boom”, they are caged. Many Christians have because of the enticing things advertised by the devil are put in bondage.

Today we will be looking at the kinds of Christians that as though they are Christians, they are still caged either by themselves or by our archenemy who’s the devil. In the passage we read earlier we saw that it’s until we know the truth that we would be set free, and if not we would remain in bondage. So we can say a Caged Christian are hose type of Christians who do not know the word of God or don’t know how to use the word of God effectively.

**How do Christian get into bondage?**

**Your Thought:** Most Christian put themselves in bondage in their thought through so many ways. Many allow the spirit of hatred and unforgiveness in their minds which had put them in the cage of the mind. Whenever you choose not forgive your brethren, you have kept yourself in the bondage of the mind.

**Your Past:** Many Christian has been caged in their past because they find it hard to give it on to Jesus. We might have done so many bad things or grave sins, when we still hold on to those sins, we are putting ourselves in the bondage of the past. It’s until we can stop clinging onto the things of the past that we can be freed. 2 Cor 5:17

**Secret Sins:** Many believers had been put in bondage by the devil because of their secret sins. They believe that as long as they are not seen or caught by anyone, they are free, that’s a lie Pro 28:13. The devil has entangled many with this thought and has used it to bring many to bondage. You must confess your sins to be free.

**How to be Free?**

1. **Knowing and Practicing the Truth:** The Devil has instill into the Christians fear and a mentality that there are some sins that can’t be forgiven 1 John 1:9. Christ has died and through him we are free. Many people have known this but yet hasn’t put it to practice John 8:32. It’s until we put the truth we know (the truth in the word of God) to practice that we can be free.
2. **Abstain from Sin:** Many have been caged because of their sins, after practicing the truth you know (the truth in the word of God) you must abstain from anything called sin 1 Thessalonian 5:22.

**Conclusion:** Being a caged Christian won’t allow you enjoy as much benefits from God as the free one. The devil has come to put you into bondage. Jesus was sent to set us free through his word. Be free today and don’t go back to your vomit.