

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 2

Lesson 32 THEY VS. WE

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“THEY:” those people who you believe are living in error.

“WE:” those people who believe what you believe.

When you get saved, you can get clean, you can escape error. But if you don't escape **“them who LIVE in error”** (vs. 18), you'll end up back in the error WITH them. Your old friends are going to have an influence on you that will draw you back into your old worldly ways and concerns and away from the Bible.

“Them who live in error” (vs.18) will promise you LIBERTY (vs. 19), but they don't realize **“they THEMSELVES are the servants of CORRUPTION!”** If you listen to them, you'll be brought back into the bondage you were in before you came to Jesus. That's not freedom! That's not independence!

In any case you will be somebody's servant. It's your choice; who will you serve? Philosophy, peers, other influences, or the Lord Jesus Christ?

PSALM 2:1-3

Here's what “they” cry: **“Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.”** “Their,” in this verse is **“the LORD,”** and **“his anointed”** (vs. 2). People believe in the Lord, but they don't want Him to tell them what to do. This is why people are attracted to the mega-church and the televangelists. They offer to free you from your bondage to God and set you free from the Bible.

PSALM 119:45

Someone who desires for the Lord to control their every step counts that as **“liberty,”** not bondage.

ISAIAH 61:1

Jesus Christ came to give **“liberty to the captives”** and to **“them that are bound.”** Rules and commandments and regulations are only viewed as bondage by those who are in rebellion against the authority.

JOHN 8:31-33

Jesus offers real freedom to those who obey his word. People who enjoy the bondage they're in (drugs, alcohol addiction, sinful habits, etc.) don't think they're in bondage. They think they have freedom that the Christian is denied. Christians count it as freedom to do what pleases the Lord.

ACTS 24:23, 27:3

What did the Apostle Paul count as liberty while he was in prison? Being able to spend time with his Christian friends teaching and studying the Bible together.

JAMES 1:25

When you choose to place yourself under the authority of God's word, there is liberty and there are blessings to be enjoyed.

GALATIANS 5:1, 13 There is liberty in Christ, but bondage that comes from the desires and appetites of the world. A Christian has LIBERTY to SERVE others or serve the lust of their flesh.

GALATIANS 4:3, 9 We were in bondage to the “**elements of the world.**” Why would we want to return to that bondage now that we “**have known God?**” If you choose to leave God in an attempt to get out of His bondage, you won’t be without bondage; you’ll just be choosing the old bondage.

ROMANS 6:18-23 Christians have been “**made free from sin,**” but have become “**the servants of righteousness.**” There is no escape from being a servant. You’ll serve sin or you’ll serve the Lord. If you try to get free from righteousness, you’ll be in bondage to unrighteousness.
