

Strings

Part Two - All Tied Up

Many are all tied up through the bondage of sin.

Psalm 107:13-14

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them from their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death And broke their bands apart.

Romans 7:21-24

So this is the principle I have discovered: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law. 23 But I see another law at work in my body, warring against the law of my mind and holding me captive to the law of sin that dwells within me. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord!

John 11:44

The man who had been dead came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of burial cloth, and a cloth covered his face. Jesus then told the people, "Untie him and let him go."

God wants us untied.

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

John 8:32

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

How to Escape Being All Tied Up

1. Determine not to stay in knots.

Romans 6:14

For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace.

2. Stay out of the laps of those who would tie you up.

Judges 16:6-7

So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely.” 7 Samson replied, “If I were tied up with seven new bowstrings that have not yet been dried, I would become as weak as anyone else.”

3. Praise your way free.

Acts 16:25-26

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing praises to God, while the other prisoners listened. 26 Suddenly a strong

earthquake shook the jail to its foundations. The doors opened, and the chains fell from all the prisoners.

4. Trade sin's bonds for the bonds of righteousness.

Romans 6:18

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

5. Keep the fallen nature in check.

Romans 6:16

Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

Galatians 5:1

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

The best way to keep from getting all tied up is to get all tied up.

Romans 1:1

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, set apart to proclaim God's Good News...