



“Then He brought us out from there that He might bring us in...” Deuteronomy 6:23

Old ways of thinking die hard! It is confined thinking that holds when we make the decision to follow Jesus that we must give up something good and be forced to settle for a boring, joyless life – a life hindered on every side by “thou shalt nots.” This kind of thinking couldn’t be further from the truth.

Contrary thinking imagines that as long as “I maintain control, I will be happy.” We are blinded by the arrogance of self and we are often intoxicated by the illusion of our own importance or power.

Until one truly experiences “the liberty with which Christ has made us free,” we remain bound and “entangled with the yoke of bondage.” (Galatians 5:1). We remain in bondage to sin with its accompanying condemnation and guilt – bondage to unforgiveness and its partners of bitterness and anger – bondage to the lust and desires of the flesh – bondage to a legalistic set of religious values – all of these – bringing neither joy nor true life.

The Lord’s desire for us is to liberate not bind, to free not hold, to bless not curse. He has loved us where He found us and has pre-determined to “bring us out, (out of every type and kind of bondage) and bring us into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.”