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**Philippians 3:12**

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## Those in Sin are Christ's Enemies

- He died for His enemies – *Romans 5:6, 10*
- They are captive to Satan, and do his will – *2 Timothy 2:26*
- All must face Christ, and make a decision – *Luke 14:31-32;*  
*1 Peter 2:6-8*

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## Christ Liberates by Capturing

- Thoughts taken captive to the obedience of Christ –  
*2 Corinthians 10:4-5*
  - Through persuasion of honest hearts – *Acts 17:2-4;*  
*2 Corinthians 2:14-16; 4:3-4*
- Such requires cooperation in free-will – *John 8:31-36*
- Such happened with Paul – *Philemon 1:1; Galatians 2:20* – He was captured by Christ.

# THAT WE MAY CAPTURE ETERNAL LIFE

## Christ's Restraints are of Love

- We need to be constantly reminded why Christ has captured us lest we grow to resent His restraints.
- Christ is not keeping us from a fulfilling life – *Psalms 2:1-3; John 11:47-48*
- These are bands of love – *Hosea 11:3-4; 1 John 5:3; Matthew 11:28-30*
- Therefore, we should cherish God's word – *Psalms 19:10-11*
- Him capturing us is an immense blessing – *Philippians 3:12*

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## Christ's Restraints Produce Holiness, and End in Eternal Life

- He captured us that we may capture the resurrection of life – *Philippians 3:11-14, 17-21; John 5:28-29*
- Paul willfully submitted knowing what would be the outcome – *2 Timothy 1:12; 4:6-8*
- Opposing God's word enslaves to sin – *Romans 6:13, 16, 19-22*
- We were delivered to Christ's word as slaves to produce righteousness, holiness, & everlasting life – *Romans 6:16-19, 22-23*

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