

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I am so grateful that our Lord is a Deliverer. You know, when Peter was in prison, we read in **Acts 12:11** –

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. *Deliverance.* Sometimes we look for it in one direction and God sends it in another. There was Peter, who was doomed for death, but God sent angels. There he was bound in prison, but, in a miraculous way, He delivered him. We do not know in which way the Lord will deliver us.

I think one of the most amazing verses in Scripture is in **chapter 1 of Galatians verse 4**. We can know we have been delivered from the power of satanic system, described as. . . **this present evil age**. The word *age* refers to the immoral course of the world system being controlled by Satan. It was this evil, pernicious system by which the Galatians had once walked, but Christ had rescued them from their

bondage, just like He rescued you if you are a child of God. By His atoning death on the Cross, He rescued you; He set you free; He delivered you, not to fall into bondage but to be in the liberty that is in Christ Jesus.

In this chapter we see there were those who came and tried to present themselves as having the answer. Paul addressed them, by saying in **chapter 1 -**

10 Now am I trying to win the favor of men, -by the way, are you? - or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah). There comes a point in our life as a Christian when we have to say before God, *Whatever people think; however I am misunderstood; whatever people read into that situation; however people can twist and cover their own skin, protect their own jobs, their own reputations, it is over to You, Lord! By faith, I give You this situation and I praise You that You will use it for Your glory. For I am not going to judge and try and condemn those people, but I will continue to love those people in Christ Jesus, but I refuse to be a man-pleaser.*

What is a man-pleaser? Well, it is trying to get along with people and just holding back on those points which you know, by the Spirit of God, you should speak against. By the conviction of the Spirit, you should say, "We have slipped so far from where we used to stand in the

Word — from where we used to stand in what our aim every day is to be a vessel for the living God that together we might see the power of the Spirit go forth.” Do you realize that in America there are many, many well-known schools and these schools, in the past, were all started by those who loved the Lord, but today everything about them speaks of the complete opposite? Somewhere along the line, somebody was a man-pleaser. Perhaps they felt, “Well, we can go along with this, because, after all, where are you going to get the funding? After all, how are we going to please the government or the people who are organizing this?” And little by little, edge by edge, complacently set in. Before we realize it, we fall into that dreadful position that we have compromised our faith and there is no real deep soul peace. We talk as if we have accomplished, but let’s face the fact that we would be frightened to meet the awesome living God at this moment! We know that not only have we been blinded, but we have caused blindness upon others. This is the situation that Paul felt. He was not there to try and keep his job going and be in with the crowd. No. He would turn around and make tents. He would do the thing that was the common task of the day to supply for even the work he was doing. He was not seeing things in terms of “How will this support me?” There was no compromise.

We read in **verse 12** -

12 For indeed I did not receive it – that is the Gospel – from man,

nor was I taught it, but [it came me] through a [direct] revelation [given] by Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

I want to emphasize that many of us fool ourselves that we are in Christ. Unless we have ever sensed and known His Spirit to speak to our heart personally; unless we have ever felt the conviction of sin by His love to discipline us; unless we have understood the overwhelming grace that pours upon us and His blessings in keeping us close in the Spirit to Himself, do we really know the One who is the true Deliverer, Jesus Christ?

Do please write for *Your Quest for God* and settle the matter today.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.