

A wooden cross stands on a sandy beach. The background is a bright, hazy sky. The cross is made of dark wood and is positioned on the right side of the frame.

Communing With Christ 4

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- We cannot commune with Christ if He has not entered our hearts. Salvation is about opening the door of our hearts to Him. *Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*
- When we truly open the door, Christ will come in and reside within us. But He will not come if we are servants of another! *Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*
- If we are mastered or dominated by carnal desires, passions and lusts, then the throne of our heart is occupied and not available for Christ's Lordship. *Rom. 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*



- The Bible tells us to not allow sin to reign in our bodies. We cannot be in communion with Christ and a slave to sin. *Rom. 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*
- If sin is our ruler, then it will create dysfunction which will lead to a life filled with disappointments and shame. *Rom. 6:20 When you were servants of sin you were free from righteousness. What fruit had you at that time in the things which are now a shame to you? for the end of such things is death.*
- In order to truly commune with Christ, we must choose to live for Him and not for ourselves. We cannot serve Christ and sin. *Rom. 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*



- Being a servant of sin means we are in bondage to it. Practicing a sinful lifestyle will not allow us to progress and do better. *Rom. 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*
- Sin will always war against our spirit and block our communion with Christ. Sin separates us from God and His plan for us. *Gal. 5:17 For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; because these are opposite the one to the other; so that you may not do the things which you have a mind to do.*
- Christ can set us free from this bondage, but we must desire pure freedom in order to stay in communion with Christ. *John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*



A wooden cross is positioned on the right side of the image, resting on a textured, light-colored surface. The word "Summary" is written in a large, bold, yellow 3D font across the center of the image. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light yellow.

Summary

The bottom line of being free from the bondage of sin comes down to our willingness! Society has caused us to be aggressive in the world but passive in the Lord. We put our desires higher than Christ and we long for the superficial more than the supernatural. This is why so many are bound by sin and cannot get free. They are servants of their flesh instead of servants of God. People act like they have no control over their lustful desires and that there is no way of escape.

We show great tenacity for the superficial things we want in this life because of its significance to us. When it's important to us, we go all out for it. As believers, we must be all the more diligent in pursuing true communion with Christ. Freedom from sin comes when we go all out for Christ. There is no magic formula or secret remedy to being free. When we love the Lord Jesus with our whole heart, soul and body, we will receive freedom through Him. And when He sets us free, we are free indeed.

*Gal. 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty
wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not
entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*