

Apostolic Brotherhood International

Newsletter December 2015

ABI
2015 Annual
Christmas Banquet
For
Ministers and their Families
Date: Saturday, December 12
Time: 12 Noon
Location: Silver Star Smokehouse
1201 Dixie Overland Rd
Boissier City, LA 7111
(318) 752-3633

Please RSVP to Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams

Defining Liberty

As an American liberty and freedom are precious things. But, liberty and free mean nothing by themselves unless they are qualified. I am free to what, or from what? I am at liberty to what, or from what? The words may sound good by themselves, but they mean nothing.

I remember as a young person the temptation when someone would say I am free to smoke a cigarette, or drink a beer if I want. It takes a while to realize how much more valuable it is to say, yes but, I am free not to. We have to choose our freedoms, and our liberties. If I choose to be free to smoke then I end up in bondage to smoking, and real freedom becomes can I quit? I am not free to do whatever I please. I am free to make the decisions that will bind me then I am controlled by those decisions. Romans 6:18-21 tells me "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death." I can be free to sin, or I can be free from sin. I can't be both. I must choose which freedom means the most to me and then make the decisions that bind me. What do I want my bonds to be?

2Peter 2:19 "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." Sin frames its bondages as liberty. The freedom to smoke, or drink, or cuss, the freedom to skip church services, the freedom to choose sexuality, even sexual orientation, are all presented as liberties. Those who stands against them are labeled as haters, unenlightened, old fashioned, intolerant. The world is tolerant of anything except the LORD Jesus, and those who stand with Him. Suddenly they become very intolerant. Matthew 6:24 "No man 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." They hold to sin, and as a result despise Jesus. I love Jesus, and as a result hate sin. I don't want to see people free to sin. I want to see them delivered from sin. You can't love people without hating the sin that destroys them. They can't love you as a Christian. They despise any one or anything that stands against the sin that binds them. We must preach deliverance, but deliverance only comes from repentance and making Jesus the LORD of your life. Deliverance does not come by seeking it, but by falling down before the deliverer, and giving Him control.

Jeremiah 34:17 "Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth." They refused to accept the liberty of peace found only in obeying the LORD. Because they refuse the liberty of obedience, God proclaimed to them the liberty of sword, pestilence and famine. The freedom offered today is freedom to choose which master I will serve. Serving Jesus has its own lifestyle, obedience to the WORD and the SPIRIT. I have freedom to choose which master I will serve then that decision will direct my actions.

Romans 6:22 "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." To me the only true freedom is the choice to be God's servant. Anything else is bondage.

- Bro. Ernie Fowler, Author of The Acts of the Apostles and ABI Minister

Announcements:

Grow The ABI With Us: Do you know a fellow minister looking for Fellowship? We are always eager to find ministers of like, precious faith who are looking for a place of healing, belonging, and fellowship. We believe that through this network of ministers we each help to make the other stronger and more effective in God's Kingdom. You can obtain a copy of the application for License/Ordination for the ABI by going to our website, apostolicbrotherhood.org. If you know someone needing a paper copy please contact Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams for a paper copy.

ABI Evangelists: Please let Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams know when and where you will be preaching. Whether you are preaching one service or a Multi-Day/Night Revival we would like to help get the word out. We want to do everything we can to help make your ministry a success. We will be happy to promote the Revival you are preaching on our FaceBook page, Twitter & in our Newsletter.

Revivals & Church Events: If you have any events that you would like to include in the monthly newsletter please contact Brother Adams by the 25th of the month to insure it is published in upcoming following issue. If you have an event you would like announced on our FaceBook page or Twitter please contact Brother Adams as well

ABI Website: Our Webpage has been updated and will now have a link to Newsletters. Also our Webpage has been updated to add information for Camp Meeting & other events going on around the ABI. Please stop by and take a look at the page & see all the wonderful things the ABI is doing.

**On Behalf of Bishop Cathey & the entire Executive Board
We want to wish each of you and your families a
Blessed, Healthy, Blessed
Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year!**

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