

Sermon ~ Sunday, July 12, 2020 (by Pastor, Dwight Benoit – www.magnoliambcbmt.org)

Text: John 10: 7-15 (note verse 10) – please Read

Title: “The Great EMANCIPATOR”

Not, the US President, Abraham Lincoln (who, many still today) see him as the man who *freed* the African-American Slaves, calling him, The Great Emancipator, after issuing The Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

Not, Douglass Appling, 1987. The Emancipator was his stage name, as a producer and DJ.

Not, Elihu Embree of Jonesborough, publisher of The Emancipator, 1820, the first Newspaper in the US, solely devoted to the abolition of slavery.

WHO is The Great EMANCIPATOR? The ONE who frees others from slavery.

(Freedom, the Greek word is *eleutheria*, el-yoo-ther-ee'-ah, meaning *liberty*, esp. freedom from slavery)

We spend a lifetime *seeking* freedom. We endure tremendous hardships *waiting for* freedom.

Most bare the cost, thinking the only alternative is *enduring oppression*. BUT **JESUS CHRIST** was and is, **The Great EMANCIPATOR!**

(John 8: 32, “And ye shall know **The TRUTH**, and **The TRUTH** shall make you free.”)

The WORD of GOD speaks about “*The FREED*”: a special people; The Chosen-Predestined, not made, but born, **GOD** foreknew them; The Redeemed by **The Precious Blood of JESUS**; **GOD’S** special property; the sheep of **GOD’S** pasture; the people over whom **Providence** watches; those who will be made faultless before **The Eternal Throne of GOD**—fitted for Eternity’s home.

Sometimes in **The SCRIPTURES**, we are called: the *seed* sown; a *field or garden*; a *treasure* hidden in field or, as in this text, ‘*sheep*’. The New Testament describes us as, ‘**The Church**’; ‘**The Church of GOD**’ – purchased by **The Blood of JESUS, The CHRIST**, that was shed on **Calvary’s Cross**. **CHRIST** loved and Loves **The Church**, and gave **HIMSELF** for it (*us*)—sanctifying it (*us*) and washing it (*us*) by **The Water of HIS WORD**.

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Question? How does one gain membership into this **Church**?

Question? Where is **The Church** community found?

Question? Who are the members?

Question? How can one obtain the privileges that **The Church, The Church along**, have?

JESUS answers each question. The only way, is *through ME!* (No other mood of admission)

I AM The DOOR! The only DOOR!!!

*Not, by Baptism; not by any fashion thereof... only by **GOD'S G.R.A.C.E**, through faith in the *death, burial and resurrection*—**LORSHIP of JESUS CHRIST**, can one be *saved and born* into **The Church**. **The DOOR** is not *baptism*, but **CHRIST!!!***

Not, by physical Birthright. Your friends, if friends, *must* lead you to **CHRIST**, not away from **CHRIST**. Your parents (Oh, I hope your testimony is 'my *godly* Father and Mother' – I had or have 'good parents'), but if, they do not lead you to **CHRIST**... "Except you be born again, ye can not see The **KINGdom** of **GOD**". "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter The **KINGdom** of heaven." Well, what **Church** are you a member of? {Since the Corona Virus pandemic has kept us from the Local Church-house gatherings... this is a **GOD-timing** question to ponder, 'What **Church** are you a member of?}

Not, by making a Profession. Oh, you may admit, 'I'm not all that I hope to be, but thank **GOD**, I'm not what I use to be'; but, I *profess*, **JESUS CHRIST!** (I wonder if the word, *Hypocrite*, fit right here?) No one becomes a **CHRITian** by coming forward (coming down the Church-house aisle, and giving your hand to the Pastor, asking, to be *admitted* into **The Church**. Saying I believe and avow, that I will '*repent*.' No, you *must* '*repent*' truly, or, you "shall perish"; you *must* truly *believe*, or, you shall have no part with **The Church**. The mere saying of Yes, Yes, I'm willing to *profess* this or that, no more makes you a **CHRISTian** than it would 'cotton-silk', or, mud-gold. *False professions are doubly damnable*.

Even more, *admitting* you are a member of the physical Church-house, does not make you one of **The LORD'S people** or **CHRIST' sheep**... You have no right to *join*, what you *see*, before you *believe* by **G.R.A.C.E** through *faith*, what you can not see. "If you leave **The DOOR** out, and climb over the wall, coming into the outward Church-house, without *believing* in **CHRIST**—**CHRIST** will say to you, 'thou are a thief and a robber, for thou hast climbed up some other way, and thou camest not in by **The DOOR**." {These days of 'pandemic' is revealing the thief, who comes but for to *steal*—that is, to *distract*, to *kill*—that is, to rob your **J.O.Y.** and to *destroy*—that is, to tear-up relationships.}

If you have not **CHRIST**, your Church-house certificate is a waste of paper, and your membership, is in vain. **POINT**: Plain English—to be one of **GOD'S people**, the essential thing is simple dependence upon **JESUS CHRIST**. If you have not this—it does not matter, who baptizes you, or, who gives you the *consecrated Bread and Wine*, or, *emotes* your hopes of Salvation, for which there is no warrant out on you (it's a invitation to 'whosoever will')—you will die in you *sin(s)*—*Hells* mouth is wide-opened, ready to swallow you whole—except you come to **CHRIST!** **Obey CHRIST!**

HE along "*saves*" – "... shall be saved..." (v. 9c)

HE along "*provides*" – "... shall go in and out..." – that is, *liberty not prison!* (v. 9d)

HE along "*leads The Way*" – "... and find pasture." (v. 9e)

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I agree with **JESUS**... When you embrace **CHRIST** as your **LORD** and **SAVIOR**, your **LIFE**, you will immediately be *liberated* from the *penalty* and the *power* of *sin(s)*—the Eternal death. It's mastery over you will be shattered *instantaneously* and *permanently*. Except you come to **CHRIST!** *Obey CHRIST!*

I sing with the late Rev. Timothy Wright, when he and his wife expressed the plight of a woman displaced during Hurricane Katrina: She encourage herself and others by calling **The Name of JESUS**...

JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!
JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!
JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!
JESUS, JESUS!

JESUS, come on help me say that, **JESUS, JESUS, JESUS,**
JESUS, I need **YOUR** help.
JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!

Come on, lift your voice and say, **JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!**
JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!

If someone ask you why, you are calling on **JESUS**? If they say,
shouldn't you be calling on... tell them, **JESUS Name** is above every name.
And the reason why I'm calling *on HIS Name* is...

SAVIOR, SAVIOR, SAVIOR! SAVIOR, SAVIOR, SAVIOR!
HIS Name is JESUS, JESUS, JESUS! JESUS is HIS Name!

I've been seriously sick before. I'm on prescriptive medications right now,
But I know, **JESUS is my HEALER!**
Come on, say it right now, **HEALER, HEALER, HEALER!**
HEALER, HEALER, HEALER! HEALER, HEALER, HEALER!
JESUS is HIS Name!

Don't you doubt **HIM!** **HE is (our), The Great DELIVERER**
Come on, say it right now, **DELIVERER, DELIVERER, DELIVERER!**
DELIVERER, DELIVERER, DELIVERER!
DELIVERER, DELIVERER, DELIVERER!
JESUS is HIS Name!
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