

# WAKE UP



**FREEDOM IN  
CHRIST SERIES**  
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## Acquiescing Into Bondage

### *ac·qui·es·cence*

*Passive assent or agreement without protest.*

Throughout history people have accepted bondages that were passed on to them without protest. In fact, history proves that man has often accepted, without verbal consent or protest, what the generation before them handed down...consequences and all!

### *Example:*

The accepted slavery of people throughout history (Jews to Egyptians/ Blacks to Whites)

Slavery was consented to without protest until someone stood up and said "No!" Change only occurs when someone starts it and wakes others up. **Moses woke the Israelites up out of their slavery to Egypt and led them to the promised Land.** The Civil War woke the country up from black slavery and **Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation which began the trickle that led to an eventual flood of freedom.** Yet, for many years afterward, the country acquiesced in bigotry towards African Americans until **Martin Luther King Jr. took a stand and walked his dream into reality.**

## Standing Up To Be Free *Ephesians 5:8-16, Exodus 20:3-6,*

*Luke 19:41-44* To sit back and accept just what we get in life is acquiescence. To disown a lie is Renunciation. God wants us to "wake up" from our "sleep" and live as "children of light." If we want to be free in Christ then we must stand up for it!

*The Seventh and last step to freedom* is to renounce the sins of your relatives, ancestors, city, country, etc. Perhaps there was witchcraft or false religions practiced in your family. You may have never practiced such things; however, there may be a spirit of

spiritual confusion in you that is a result of their involvement. Perhaps prejudice has been passed down to you through your family or culture, or a propensity towards alcohol or drug abuse, sexual misconduct or child abuse. **Sociological and psychological studies prove that behaviors are indeed passed down through the ancestral chain. This should be no surprise to the Christian since God's Word has already showed us this truth in *Exodus 20:4,5*. We also clearly see that people are punished for the sins of their nation. An example of this is when Jesus prophesied judgment upon the Jews for their rejection of Him. *Luke 19:41-44*.** Some might say that this is unfair, however, we are not excused for our sin of acquiescing (*The ancestors of Jews crucified Christ but religious Jews continue to passively reject Christ and wait for another Messiah*). We must reject the sins of our family, city and country or we will be caught up in the consequences.

## Renouncing Sins that are not our Own *Galatians 5:1*

By renouncing (disowning) the sins of your relatives, ancestors, city, country, etc. you are making a declaration to Satan that you are aware of the ways that he has blinded those before you and that you refuse to be pulled into the same sins. This act also demonstrates your stand in Christ before any who witness your faith. We do not renounce these things with our lips only, but with our heart and by taking a stand. We must no longer tolerate these acts with an attitude of indifference. We must become activists against them as Martin Luther King Jr. was an activist against the mistreatment of African Americans. We must speak out, wake up and stand up.

## Seven Steps To Freedom *James 4:7-10*

A review of the Seven Steps To Freedom are as follows: 1.) *Renounce any false religions or occult practices in your life* 2.) *Renounce lies that you have acted upon* 3.) *Forgive* 4.) *Turn from rebellion* 5.) *Renounce pride* 6.) *Turn away from habitual sin* 7.) *Repent of acquiescence and renounce the sin of those before and about you*

One victory does not constitute "winning the war"; however, many victories are the mark of a successful warrior! **Freedom must be maintained!** When we call upon Christ He kicks the enemy out of our lives, but it is our responsibility not to let him in the door again. **The victory is promised to we who are soldiers of Christ, but until the promised end we must fight many skirmishes.** We must stand firm and resist the devil. This is a winnable war. **Wake up, keep your eyes open and fight on your knees!**

## Fight On Your Knees *Acts 16:25-26*

Our first lesson of this series focused on David fighting Goliath. Remember, where his strength came from? (*1 Samuel 17:45-47*) We must never forget, no matter what size the arena is that we fight in, the battle is the Lords! Just as King Jehoshaphat was reminded that the battle was not his but the Lord's (*2 Chronicles 20:15-24*)—I remind you of that as well today. Just as he ordered his people to sing praises to God in the face of adversity—so I remind you. And just as Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns in their dungeon so I remind you to do the same. God will shake the chains from you too and you will be free in Christ.