

I. Unchained By Grace

- A. Theme: The Gospel of God's grace releases us from our chains of sin, and sets us free to live in the peace of God - no matter our circumstances.
- B. Text: Philemon 1:1-3
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Philemon 1:3

II. Unchained For Partnership

- A. Theme: When people become Christians, they are united not only with Christ, but with other believers in a vital communion and partnership, which carries both benefits and responsibilities.
- B. Text: Philemon 1:4-7
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

III. Unchained To Usefulness

- A. Theme: When we come to Christ, all of our relationships are changed, and we are called and empowered to serve others and to further God's kingdom.
- B. Text: Philemon 1:8-16
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Deuteronomy 1:11

IV. Unchained Through Restoration

- A. Theme: The Gospel of God's grace restores our relationship with God, and it calls us to act as Christ would to see relationships restored with others as well.
- B. Text: Philemon 1:17-25
- C. Response: Prayer & love offering for Erbil
- D. Benediction: Philemon 1:25

V. Unchained - The New Testament and Slavery

- A. Theme: As with other entrenched injustices in this fallen world, the New Testament does not directly abolish slavery, but calls Christians to live in a way that honors and submits to God, focuses on Christ, promotes the Gospel, and looks to our eternal reward.
- B. Text: Philemon 1:15-21; Ephesians 6:5-9
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

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