

That which binds together, a band, bond “ligaments by which the members of the human body are united together”

I. BOND (SLAVE) Root = “to bind, fasten with chains, to throw into chains” Romans 1:1 Paul, a **servant** (**Bondslave**) of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

A. Not shackles I John 4:1 j18-19 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.

1. Many are prisoners of their own sin **Ball & Chain** Acts 8:22-23 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. **Some are prisoners of what others did to you** Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled. **We drag these things with us in our marriage.**

2. God wants to set us free John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

3. You have the key Acts 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray... Jeremiah 14:20

We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee. Romans 6:12-14,16 Kid at KBA brought handcuffs.

B. Prisoner of the Lord Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. Paul was not a prisoner of Rome (don't be a prisoner of your circumstances)

1. Prisoner of love Deuteronomy 15:16-17 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee; Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise. _____ is a bonds slave Not the ring in his ear - one on his finger. He is a prisoner of love! “Bond of matrimony”

- What's the main difference between prison and marriage? In prison, you get to finish your sentence.
- Arguing with your wife is a lot like being arrested. Everything you say can and will be used against you.

- Marriage is like a maximum security prison. You have to be on your best behavior at all times, or face solitary confinement.
- My wife would bail me out of jail. She never lets me finish a sentence.
- a) It is a choice **Romans 12:1-2** Not a shackle - Wedding bond
- b) Paul knew what was coming Acts 21:11-14 Would still get married - would have done a lot of things different!

2. Prisoners together Ephesians 4:13-16 Put prisoners in isolation to break them!

- Vs. 16 joined together = root word legos

C. Restrain II Corinthians 5:14-15 “constraineth” = “to hold together, arrest as a prisoner.” My wedding band doesn’t keep me faithful (shock me or magnet) - love does. Romans 13:8-10

II. BONDED (GLUE) Romans 12:9-10 All 3 Greek words for love are used here - Agape, Phileo, & Storge

A. Cleave (glue) to Christ Acts 11:23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

1. Salvation Luke 8:43-46,48 touched = “grab hold, cling to”

a) Grab hold by faith **Ephesians 2:8-9**, II Timothy 1:12-13 For the which cause I also

suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

b) Held by faith John 10:28-30 Ever glue something then afraid to let it go? Faith is the glue of salvation. Glue something and keep holding it together.

(1) Bonds instantly Romans 10:13

(2) Bonds permanently Romans 8:31-32, 35,38-39

c) For strength Joshua 22:5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

B. Cleave to good Romans 12:9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 4 things necessary for a good bond:

1. Clean John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

2. Pressure James 1:3-4 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
3. Time Psalm 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.
4. **Glue both Surfaces!** Ephesians 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

a) Better than gluing something? - Don't break it I Peter 1:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. **Plate**

(1) Can be fixed - but leaves scars

(2) Loses value - Don't break your spouse!

b) Make your own glue Colossians 3:12-14

C. Church joined together Ephesians 4:3,16

1. Perfectly joined together I Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye

be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

2. No contentions (**divisions**) I Corinthians 1:11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

D. Relationships get broken and they are sometimes messy to restore. **Glue mess** Galatians 6:1-2

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. **Failed gluing & cutting in Kindergarten!**

III. BONDS (INVEST) Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. **Paul understood what it meant to invest your life in Christ**

A. Secured bond II Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

B. Interest comes at maturity James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

C. Hold on to it Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the
profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is
faithful that promised;)