

Here is a picture of our Cornerstone Community Centre. (Sorry, afraid I could only find this very old picture!) It is well used, not only by groups from the church, but also by other groups who pay rent to use the rooms. We paid quite a lot for it when we bought it about ten years ago, but I am glad to say that it is paid for and the rent income helps us with the maintenance of the building.

When we hire out the rooms to the various groups we give them a copy of the hiring conditions and expect them to look after things and leave everywhere clean and tidy.

Obviously the building does not belong to any of the groups, they are only in charge of the building for the duration of their lettings.

ROOM BOOKING FORM	
Premises to be used:	
Room(s) to be used:	
Date of Hire:	
Period of Hire:	
From	To

This may seem like a change of subject but I would like to ask you a question. Can you think of all the things that you own – house, car, money. Some have more possessions than others. Some have very few things that they can call their own. How long is your list of possessions? Well folks, I have news for you. Do you realize that you do not really own anything and that everything that you have belongs to God? Your automatic response may be, “Well, **I’ve** paid for them” however, it is God who has supplied you with the money to buy everything that you have and use on a daily basis.



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Not ours



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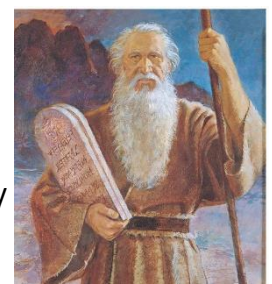


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I suppose that one of the hardest things for us to accept is that God also owns our children. He lends them to us for a period of time and in a natural way they normally outlive us, but, occasionally things do not work out according to our natural order of things and our children die before we do. No matter how strong our faith, I know from personal experience that this does not always make sense to us and we say, “Why God?” They are ours for a while, but, like the Cornerstone Centre, we are not the owners. We have to face the fact that there are some things to which we will never have the answers whilst we are alive.

What about our own lives? Do they belong to us? Are we meant to be in complete control of everything that we do and say by making decisions that are ours alone with no ‘say so’ from anyone else? God created us and it is His desire that He is part of our lives. Many years ago He gave His people a set of rules to live by in the form of the Ten Commandments – Rules that still form a major part in our laws today even after all these years. God made us, He guides us, He listens to us and wants us to include Him in all of our decisions. We were not meant to live independently of God.



MANIFEST OF SLAVES.

We board the *U. S. Schooner "Albatross"* at New Orleans harbor
Albatross on 29th instant October, from the Port of Baltimore for the Port of
 New Orleans.

NAME	AGE	SEX	Color	Complexion	CLASS	RECEIVED BY OFFICER
Abdullah	20	M	Black	Dark	Slave	} <i>A. J. Chambers</i> <i>Shipper</i>
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Manifest of *U. S. Schooner "Albatross"* first day of October.

A. J. Chambers *Shipper* of the above named slaves.

These of the *U. S. Schooner "Albatross"* are actually conveyed and only *Albatross* and *Albatross* but the passengers there described were registered into the United States under the first day of January, 1853, and were the slaves of
James and his wife *Albatross* and *Albatross*

A. J. Chambers

There may be many things that change throughout our lives, but there are certain things that remain the same throughout the years. It is a long time since God told the Israelites that he wanted to be their God, to guide them, look after them and for them to be His own possession. We may not be Israelites, yet we are still on God's agenda to be His special people. There is no-one on this earth whom God does not love and with whom He does not want a particular relationship. No-one is too old, too young, too bad or too anything to be eligible to take advantage of the price that was paid. There are some things that no amount of money can purchase and this is one of them. It is a completely free offer that is available and is not dependent on who we are, our position in life, what we have done or anything that we own. The Cornerstone rooms are rent out for a limited period of time, but there are no limits at all on the time that God wants us to be His own possession.

Readings:

God's own possession Exodus 19: 5 - 6

Jesus a ransom 1 Peter 1: 18 - 19

Bought with a price 1 Corinthians 6: 19 - 20

Never too late

Money can not buy everything