

“I Want Out!”

Radio commentator Paul Harvey tells of an experiment involving a young chimpanzee who would always try to slip out of his cage when the door was opened. Scientists thought this young chimp was very intelligent, so far as chimps go, and was a good specimen to teach communication skills.

For fourteen years, project directors labored diligently and patiently with this chimpanzee, providing things in its cage to enable it to form certain syllables. Finally the day arrived when it seemed that the chimpanzee was actually going to construct a sentence from the symbols it had been learning. Word went out, and other scientists crowded into the room and gathered around the cage. At last, the first message from the world's most pampered, most cared for, most patiently trained chimpanzee was about to come forth. Millions of dollars had been spent on this project. The scientists could hardly contain themselves as they pressed around the cage. They watched breathlessly as symbols were formed into words and into a sentence. The chimpanzee said, "**I want out!**"

- That Chimpanzee was in a cage and knew that he wanted out of it. He knew someone other than himself would have to open the door for in order for him to be free.
- We are in a cage of sin . . . But do we want out of that cage?
- Jesus Christ has opened our cage door so we can be free from its confinement in sin.
- **Revelation 1:5** - “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His blood.

Process: WASHING (Baptism by Immersion)

Cleansing Element: HIS OWN BLOOD

- **Ephesians 1:6-7** – “He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace.”
- Is that chimpanzee smarter than you? There is a great difference . . . He wanted out . . . You can get out!