



# Welcome!

**May 23, 2021**

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!” -John 8:36

## Our Worship Gathering

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**\*\*If you'd like to *worship by giving*, there is an offering box in the back.**

**You can also give through the app and web page\*\***

### **Colorado Freedom Church**

6862 Galley Road | Colorado Springs, CO 80915

[www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com](http://www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com)

719-387-1618

Sundays: Kids and Youth; 5-6 pm; Grades K-12

## Announcements:

- Visit the App Store or Google Play and download the FC App!
- Please consider setting up recurring online giving through the app or web page.
- If you are interested in partnership, please pick up an information packet at the information table.

## Upcoming Events:

- NEXT SUNDAY: Lunch with the LEAD Team
- June 5: Walk for Life, Memorial Park. See [walkforlife.com](http://walkforlife.com) for more information and to register.
- July 18-21 Connect Conference @ Maranatha Camp; register at [weareberean.org/events](http://weareberean.org/events)
- September 16: Back to Church Sunday

## Prayer Matters

*For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.*

Galatians 5:13 (NLT)

### Berean Church

Ainsworth, NE – Parkside Berean Church (Matt)

### Global Outreach

Berean Fellowship – International and National Church Planting

### Other

**Respect Labor Authorities | 1 Peter 2:18-25**  
**Pastor Scott Maxon | Colorado Freedom Church**

<sup>18</sup> You who are slaves must submit to your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you—not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel.

<sup>19</sup> For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment.

<sup>20</sup> Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.

<sup>21</sup> For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> He never sinned,  
nor ever deceived anyone.

<sup>23</sup> He did not retaliate when he was insulted,  
nor threaten revenge when he suffered.  
He left his case in the hands of God,  
who always judges fairly.

**Romans 12:19:** “Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord.”

24 He personally carried our sins  
in his body on the cross  
so that we can be dead to sin  
and live for what is right.  
By his wounds  
you are healed.

25 Once you were like sheep  
who wandered away.  
But now you have turned to your Shepherd,  
the Guardian of your souls.

### **Now What?**

1. Look for ways to serve Christ, regardless of your employment situation.
2. Turn to Jesus, the Shepherd and Guardian of your soul.

Shepherd of my soul I give You full control  
Wherever You may lead I will follow  
I have made the choice to listen for Your voice  
Wherever You may lead I will go  
Be it in a quiet pasture or by a gentle breeze  
The shepherd of my soul is by my side  
Should I face a mighty mountain or a valley dark and deep  
The shepherd of my soul will be my guide  
-Martin Nystrom

### **QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY<sup>1</sup>:**

1. In relation to suffering, v. 21 says, “to this you were called.” What is your reaction to this?
2. How can Christ’s example (vv. 21-23) help you when you are mistreated? Beyond his example, what benefits has Christ’s suffering produced (vv. 24-25)?
3. What are some of the authority figures in your life? How well are you relating to them? What can you do to improve?
4. In Peter’s day, persecution and slavery made submission to authority difficult. What conditions today make it difficult?
5. What should people do whose legal rights are being violated by authority gone bad? Accept suffering? Insist on justice? Confront the authority?
6. where is your daily walk heading? Are you in step with Jesus?

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from multiple Study Guides on 1 Peter.