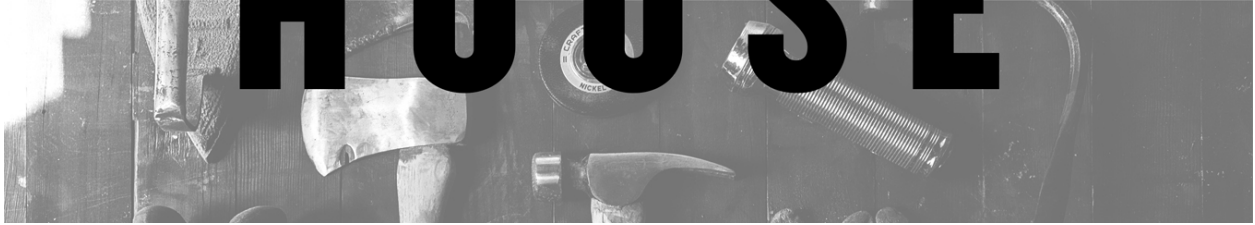


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# HOUSE



**SERVING – August 20, 2017**  
**Pastor Shannon Chapman**

*In this series we will address three fundamental principles that we are striving to build in our house, City Church. If applied, we will build a strong and thriving house for years to come.*

## **Freedom In Christ**

*Galatians 5:13, 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.*

- The good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that through faith we have been set free from sin
- We used to be
  - *Slaves to sin* - Romans 6:20
  - *Dead in the trespasses and sins* - Ephesians 2:1
  - *We were by nature children of wrath* - Ephesians 2:3
- But God
  - *Being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ* - Ephesians 2:4-5

### ***Improper Use of Freedom***

- We must remember that we are held accountable regarding how we use this freedom.
- How we use this freedom reveals whether or not we have a man-centered or a Christ-centered view of salvation.
- When we have an improper use of the freedom found in Christ we focus more on ourselves as a church rather than on the lost in their community.

### ***Proper Use of Freedom***

- How we use this freedom reveals our heart before God and our faith in Christ.
- Our freedom in Christ is not to be used to set up little kingdoms and have others serve us, but so that we can serve one another.
- *Mark 10:43-45, Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*”
- We are called to freedom and we are given this freedom in order to serve God and others.

### **Saved People Serve People**

- Saved people serve people so that served people might become saved people.
- For City Church to be the church God has called us to be we must have a strong volunteer base.
- What gifts has God given you to serve others? 1 Peter 4:10-11

- Jesus doesn't just call us to a list of tasks, he calls us to a lifestyle of serving others.

### **Join the Serving Mission at City Church**

1. Go to [signup.thecitychurch.cc](http://signup.thecitychurch.cc) and sign up to attend dream team night on August 28 at 6:30.
  2. Sign up to attend Kickstart and learn your spiritual gifts and specific areas you could serve in.
- Don't just go to church let's commit to be the church.
  - To be a community of Love, Faith and Change takes people just like you deciding to serve the people of this house and in our city and around the world.