

I'm Free

Wuest says: Freedom is presented as the outstanding blessing of the working of grace, ... Freedom is represented as including independence from religious regulations and legal restrictions

The outstanding blessing of grace is freedom.

Liberty, release, emancipation & deliverance

Joh 8:36 (NASB) "So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

Gal 4:5 (NLT) God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Gal 5:1 (TPT) Let me be clear, the Anointed One has set us free—not partially, but completely and wonderfully free! We must always cherish this truth and stubbornly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past.

2Co 3:17 (NASB) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

I'll tell you what freedom is to me - NO FEAR! / NO LIMITS!

The Bible clearly and repeatedly tells us that we are already set free in Christ, and that we need to live this freedom out for His glory.

Freedom is actually a hard word to define a harder reality to live out.

Freedom carries with it a responsibility Myles Monroe called it a burden

Because the free have choices the enslaved never have to consider.

To understand what our freedom as believers looks like lets consider 4 basic forms of bondage.

Act 8:23 (NASB) "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of unrighteousness."

Rom 7:14 (NASB) For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am fleshly, sold into bondage to sin.

Heb 2:15 (MKJV) and deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Gal 4:3 (NASB) So we too, when we were children, were held in bondage under the elementary principles of the world.

We are taught captivity as children.

Mat 18:3 (NASB) and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you change and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

They are characteristically humble and teachable - but there is another trait children have.

They are free in their minds, they have not yet learned to sought, they are big dreamers and their imagination is larger than their environment.

Give them a block of wood and they are world famous race car drivers, a piece of paper and they are jet pilots - at night as they look into the sky they are astronauts.

Gal 4:3-7 (NLT) And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

Our cultures enslaved us, put limits upon us. Taught us who to like and who to hate, who to accept and who to reject.

Our cultures, traditions, families put limits on us

Took from us our dreams and gave us chains, chained us to jobs we never enjoyed, to habits we despise but can't break.

[4] But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. [5] God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Jesus came to buy freedom for you - freedom from everything that has ever bound you.

[6] And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." [7] Now you are no

longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

God has no enslaved children. God has heirs.

The NT does not teach that we will one day be free, not like that old song A change is gonna come. NO! The NT teaches that the Son has (past participle) meaning that our freedom, our emancipation proclamation has been proclaimed.

And if the Son HAS than you IS...(present tense).

Whenever IS, IS - is when you are free.

Joh 8:32 (TPT) For if you embrace the truth, it will release more freedom into your lives."

**story of cigarette smokers.*

Our freedom can not be taken from us but we can give it away.

Gal 2:4 (TPT) I met with them privately and confidentially because false "brothers" had been secretly smuggled into the church meetings. They were sent to spy on the wonderful liberty and freedom that we have in Jesus the Anointed One. Their agenda was to bring us back into the legalistic bondage of religion.

Nothing is more dangerous to tyrants than free people.

- Religious tyrants
- Political tyrants
- Spiritual tyrants.

Gal 3:1 (NASB) You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?

The Christians of Galatia surrounded their beautiful, blood-bought freedom for a religious, limiting system and Paul called them fools.

Gal 5:13-14 (NASB) For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. [14] For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

If you think that because you are free you are free to NOT involve yourself in the service to others - you are wrong

The dictates of Grace are not less than the law, Grace does not demand less of me than the law did actually it demands more of me and it empowers me to meet those demands.

Gal 5:13-14 (TPT) Beloved ones, God has called us to live a life of freedom in the Holy Spirit. But don't view this wonderful freedom as an opportunity to set up a base of operations in the natural realm. Freedom means that we become so completely free of self-indulgence that we become servants of one another, expressing love in all we do. [14] For love completes the laws of God. All of the law can be summarized in one grand statement: "Demonstrate love to your neighbor, even as you care for and love yourself."

Our freedom is not a freedom to separate but to unite.

A freedom to become more together than we could ever be apart.

A freedom to believe for better

A freedom to dream of better, brighter and bigger.

Jas 1:25 (NASB) But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the law of freedom, and has continued in it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an active doer, this person will be blessed in what he does.

Jas 1:24-25 (TPT) You perceive how God sees you in the mirror of the Word, but then you go out and forget your divine origin. [25] But those who set their gaze deeply into the perfecting law of liberty are fascinated by and respond to the truth they hear and are strengthened by it—they experience God's blessing in all that they do!

Here is something to think about.

The slaves of Egypt experienced miracles but not blessings.

The blessings of God were not experienced till after they were set free.

There are a great many of Gods children we are not free in their mind, they have not embraced the truth that they are already free so they don't "act as free people" they actually act like captives.

There are blessings you and I will never experience till we embrace our freedom.

Luk 4:18-19 (NASB) "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, [19] TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

As long as you are free there is hope

2Co 3:12 (TPT) So then, with this amazing hope living in us, we step out in freedom and boldness to speak the truth.

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