

FREEDOM

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Week 1

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

The concept of freedom is unique!

Our freedom is limited to the laws we established - if we do something that violates a natural law, our freedom would be taken from us.

We might not give significantly towards freedom because we’ve never experienced lack of it!
What is freedom? A feeling? A state of being? A way of thinking?

Jesus was not talking about physical or literal imprisonment, he was talking about spiritual imprisonment!

Living in ABSOLUTE harmony with God - unhindered, unrestricted, given dominion over all things! The only ones to experience true freedom were Adam, Eve, and Jesus!

And still humanity chose out of free will!

They were FREE because there was no SIN present!

Freedom is found in knowing Christ

Sin produces bondage and fear

Wherever there is sin, ideal of rejecting God- there will be an increase in bondage.

The only thing that produces freedom is the PRESENCE OF GOD, not the ABSENCE of Him!

In our attempt to truly find freedom, we only create greater bondage for ourselves

If God is not part of your pursuit, you will never find true freedom!

You can never be the source of your own freedom, you can never set yourself free!

We are either moving towards greater freedom or increased bondage !

It all has to do with what is Christ lord over in our life.

“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32

Not obeying some of His teachings, ALL OF THEM!

You can’t do it on your own! You need the power of the Holy Spirit.

Truth is only found in the obedience of Christ’s teachings.

Their reply:

“They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

John 8:33-36

Most of the time humanity is unaware of the fact that apart from Jesus - you are a slave!

“Everyone who sins, is a slave to sin.”

Jesus is saying - sin is present in our life! Sin produces bondage!

That’s why Jesus came! To SET US FREE!!

What does the bondage of sin produce in our life?

- * Fear
- * Worry
- * Anxiety
- * Stress
- * Disease and illness
- * Bitterness
- * Unforgiveness

Christ came to SET US FREE!

What to do next?

If I'm in Christ, I'm no longer a slave to sin!

Though I might not experience true freedom on this side of eternity, we do not need to live a life in bondage because of what Christ has ALREADY done!

When Jesus becomes lord of our life, we give him all our ambitions, all our dreams !

“So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”

Galatians 4:7