
Do You Want to Be Free? // John 8:36

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Recap – Definition of Freedom

Let's define FREEDOM according to PMJ

SCREEN > Freedom is the **ability** to **BE** what GOD called you, the **conviction** to **DO** what GOD told you, and the **wisdom** to **CHOOSE** what's God's will for my life.

- PMJ

So let me begin with a question. What would it feel like to be totally free in every area of your life? I guess another question would be – Is it possible? And the most important question- What does the bible have to say about it? Let's start there! Sit down and turn your bibles with me.

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Jesus warned man. A slave is not a permanent member of a family, but the Son is. The slave has no rights and no claims to privileges within the family. He is a slave and can be rejected and cast out of the house anytime, but not the Son. **The Son is always the Son.** It is He that has all the **rights and privileges** to the house. However, there is a way the slave can become a member of the house. **The Son can free the slave and ask the Father to adopt him,** and if the Son makes the slave free, the slave is free indeed.

- **John 3:16 isn't a Nursery Rhyme it's a Freedom Document!**

So the goal of this teaching is for you to be...

SCREEN > Free In Every Area of Your Life (Explain)

Screen All Individually > _____ FREE

Spiritually, Emotionally, Financially, & Psychologically

SCREEN > Freedom Is Available

SCREEN > Freedom involves Deliverance & Discipleship

SCREEN > You Can't Disciple A Demon & Cast out Flesh!

SCREEN > (Disobedient Spirit!)

In Christianity,

SCREEN > Deliverance ministry refers to the activity of cleansing a person of demons and evil spirits in order to address problems manifesting in their life as a result of the presence of said entities and the root causes of their authority to oppress the person.

SCREEN > 1 John 2:16 (NASB)

¹⁶For all that is in the world, **the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life**, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

SCREEN > 1 John 2:16 (AMP)

¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the **lust and sensual craving of the flesh and the lust and longing of the eyes and the boastful pride of life [pretentious confidence in one's resources or in the stability of earthly things]**—these do not come from the Father, but are from the world.

SCREEN > 1 John 2:16 (NLT)

¹⁶For the world offers only a craving for **physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions**. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

SCREEN > 1 John 2:16 (The Message)

¹⁶Practically everything that goes on in the world—**wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important**—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him.

SCREEN > Lust of the Eye

SCREEN > Lust of the Flesh

SCREEN > Pride of Life

Constable writes that

SCREEN > "The **lust of the flesh is the desire **to do** something apart from the will of God. The **lust of the eyes** is the desire **to have** something apart from the will of God. The **pride of life** is the desire **to be** something apart from the will of God. -Dr. Thomas Constable**

SCREEN > Perhaps the most common manifestation of the **lust of the flesh in modern western civilization is **illicit sex (hedonism, idolizing pleasure)**. Perhaps the most common manifestation of the **lust of the eyes** is **excessive buying (materialism, idolizing possessions)**. Perhaps the most common manifestation of the **pride of life** is **trying to control (egoism, idolizing power)**.**

Satan tried these same three temptations on Christ during His 40 days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). He tempted Jesus with the lust of the flesh, bread for His hunger (vv. 2-3), the lust of the eyes, “all the kingdoms of the world with their splendor” (vv. 8-9), and the pride of life, daring Him to cast Himself from the roof of the Temple in order to prove that He was the Messiah by an ostentatious display of power that was not in the will of God or His plan for the redemption of mankind (vv. 5-6). ***But Jesus, though He was “tempted in every way, just as we are” (Hebrews 4:15), resisted the devil and used the Word of God to ensure victory over him.***

Christians have always been, and will always be, lured by the same three temptations Eve and Jesus experienced. ***Satan doesn't change his methods; he doesn't have to because they continue to be successful.***

SCREEN > 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NASB) ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

SCREEN > 2 Corinthians 3:17 (GW) ¹⁷This Lord is the Spirit. Wherever the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom.

The reason I say that is because time has become as important as money to me, if not more. I would not waste our time on something impossible. **(Work)**

SCREEN > 1 Samuel 15:22 (NLT)

²² But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! **Obedience is better than sacrifice**, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.

The Best Gift You can Give GOD is...

SCREEN > Obedience

One thing above all others pleases God and makes a person acceptable to God: obedience, devotion to the Lord. **God wants a heart of devotion, a heart that is set upon obedience.**

Preacher's Outline and Sermon Bible - Commentary - The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible – 1 Samuel.

To obey is better than sacrifice. **Sacrifice is important, but it is acceptable only when it is brought to the Lord with a heart of devotion, a heart of obedience.**

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SCREEN > Your gift has to match your heart!

Either you have a

SCREEN > Heart of Obedience **or** Heart of Disobedience

Example: Cooking Chicken!

SCREEN > A heart of Disobedience taints whatever you offer God!

SCREEN > Disobedience hinders my Worship!

SCREEN > When I'm operating in Disobedience, I respond to worship in **Guilt** not **Gratefulness**

You're so busy crying over what you did, you missed what he was trying to do! Worship for you becomes a Tug of War! God's trying to take what you refuse to let go!

- Some of us are ready to trust & obey GOD so we can be...

SCREEN > Free to Worship

Samuel declared the seriousness of disobedience (1 Samuel 15:23). Nothing provokes the Lord like rebelliousness or defiance of His commandments.

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SCREEN > 1 Samuel 15:22-23 (NLT)

²² But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! **Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.** ²³ Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the LORD, he has **rejected you** as king.”

SCREEN > Disobedience produces **Rebellion**, and Rebellion causes **Rejection!**

Samuel REBUKES SAUL!

So many of us are being REJECTED & don't know it!

Today is one of the most important days of your life!
Today you're going to leave understanding

SCREEN > Freedom Is A Choice

In John 5 Jesus confronts a brother that's been held hostage by his hard-horrible human condition. The bible says...

SCREEN > John 5:6 (NASB) ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, "Do you wish to get well?"

The A clause of verse 7 says...

SCREEN > John 5:7 (NASB) ⁷The sick man answered Him...

(Work the "Sick Man")

SCREEN > Tweetable moment- Why are you surprised when sick people throw up on you?

Jesus said I'm not asking about your **Present Pain**. I'm interested in your **Cognitive Domain!**

SCREEN > Critical Choice

In other words, I can see that you're bound and because I'm God, I know how long you've been bound. The question is Do You want to be Free? Jesus is trying to change his position and his condition! **(Work)**

SCREEN > Freedom Begins with Intentionality

You gotta want to be free! You gotta mean it! You gotta have a made-up mind!

So to get free it starts with a **Critical Choice** but then you need...

SCREEN > Corresponding Action

SCREEN > John 5:8 (NASB) ⁸Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk."

Now wanting to be free is not enough, but it is where you start! Psalm 1 says "whatever you DO shall prosper!

We'll pick it up next week, but when one talks about freedom you must view freedom out of at least two lenses-

SCREEN > Free From and Free To

We have a long way to go but let's conclude this message by discussing the most important thing I'm free from.

SCREEN > Free From The Bondage Of Sin

SCREEN > Romans 6:6-7 (NASB) ⁶knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷for he who has died is freed from sin.

The Greek definitely uses the past tense: "Our old man was crucified with Christ." It was a once-for-all act that Christ Himself effected. He took our "old man" to the cross with Him when He died. The "old man" means... our old life without God, the old sinful life that is immersed or identified with Christ in death. Now note this point.

The old man was crucified so that "the body of sin" might be destroyed. The "body of sin" is not plural (sins) but singular (sin). Sin is seen as a body, a whole package. The idea is that all sin within a believer is destroyed, conquered, forgiven, and crucified with Christ. The believer is freed from sin. He starts anew, and he stays clean and free from sin by walking in constant confession and fellowship before God.

(Work everything you've been delivered from as you close!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Communion
- Survey Cards are in the seats.