

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" -Patrick Henry

Luke 4:16-21 "He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:¹⁸ "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,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hear."

Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Two Facts About Freedom

1. Our Freedom was bought by someone else's **blood**.

Galatians 5:1a "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

2. It is our **responsibility** to maintain our freedom.

Galatians 5:1b "Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

- ✓ Personal **freedom** is inseparable from personal **responsibility**.

How to Maintain Freedom

- ✓ Keep Jesus **first place** in your life.

- ✓ Choose your **habits** purposefully.

1 Corinthians 6:12 "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything."

- ✓ Choose your **friends** wisely.

Proverbs 12:26 "The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray."

- ✓ Choose your **leaders/influencers** carefully.

Proverbs 29:2 "When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan."