WHAT IS TRUE FREEDOM?

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Truth

The supernatural/spiritual is as real (or more real) than the natural.

Deception

The supernatural does not exist. For some, it is the explanation we offer for things not easily explained in the natural.

Mark 3:25

"If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

First Amendment

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Two Spiritual Deceptions

1. The devil and evil don't really exist or don't pose a real threat.

2. If someone follows Christ they will lose their freedom.

Romans 8:2

"because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."

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."

ROMANS 8:1-4

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

ROMANS 8:1-4

³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

QUESTION

What if we were more concerned with the eternal destiny and spiritual condition of those we come in contact with daily?

NEED TO

do a little less convincing
do a lot more praying

JOHN 8:36

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

TRUTH

We have been set free from the bondage of sin.

ROMANS 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

PSALM 103:12

"as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."



"Christian freedom is freedom from sin, not freedom to sin."

- AW Tozer

TRUTH

We have been set free from our past.

ISAIAH 43:18-19

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

QUOTE

"You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep rereading the last one."

- Anonymous

TRUTH

We have been set free from the bondage of fear.



How would life be different if we were living in actual freedom from fear?

ROMANS 8:15

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (NKJV)

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (NKJV)

QUOTE

"Freedom in Christ allows you to control the desires that once controlled you."

