

FREEDOM Pt 2

Galatians 5:1 (NASB) It was for **freedom** that Christ set us **free**; therefore keep **standing** firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

If you don't fight for it it will be taken from you not by God's ordination but by man's determination. *Jer 29:11 /*

I said to you last week to notice that Paul did not say it was for Heaven that Christ set us free.

God's ultimate objective is the freedom of His people.

The person who cannot see the ultimate becomes enslaved by the immediate.

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It was for "**Freedom**" - the objective. The endgame is complete and wonderful freedom from both the law, the sin that made the law necessary and the curse

Free from legalism and free from condemnation.

That Christ set us free - *eleutheroō* (to go, go free).

John 8:11 (NASB) She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more."

To condemn is to disapprove, complete disapproval.

From this place of worth, esteem and value go and walk it / work it out in your daily life - be free from a life of sin.

Jesus set you free - from what?

From everything that diminishes you - but you (**everyone say, "ME"**) must stubbornly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past

*What is freedom?
Beauty & Love
Psalm 128*

The Process of Freedom

Freedom like everything Kingdom begins internally and works its way out externally.

God changes you before you change your environment - not the other way round.

Luke 17:21 (AMPC) Nor will people say, Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you].

If you can recall the day you gave your life to Christ and instantly became a new creature - sinner walked down saint walked back.

If you came down here with long auburn hair you didn't walk back with short gold colored hair - did you?

The change was internal before it became external - but if the internal was real the external was inevitable.

If your house had been party central, it was known as the place to go and get stoned. But a change had taken place so all the booze bottles were tossed, the old friends were welcome but under a new set of house rules.

What had been party central became Holy Ghost HQ

Freedom begins within - At the cross at the cross where I first saw the light and the burdens of my heart were rolled away. It was there by faith that I received my sight and now I am happy all the day.

Freedom internally is instantaneous and complete

Freedom externally is a process and step by step.

- **Sin**
- **Law**
- **Self**

The Blood of Christ is your foundation that sets you free from sin and all of its effects.

The Words of Christ are your building blocks that are used to build your life of freedom.

John 8:31-32 (AMPC) So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. [32] And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

Is it possible to be free spiritually and live a life of bondage experimentally? Yes, actually most Christians do.

But as for me and RLC we will be free!

Free from Condemnation.

Romans 8:1 (AMPC) THEREFORE, [there is] **NOW** no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit. [Joh 3:18]

Now = at the present time, moment

John 3:18 (AMPC) He who believes in Him [who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him] is not judged [he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation--he incurs no damnation]; but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already [he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence] because he has not believed in and trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name.]

Condemnation comes from a guilty conscience.

1 John 3:20-21 (AMPC) Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] For He is above and greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him]. [21] And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God,

This is the horror of condemnation it robs you of your confidence and strips you of boldness.

Preaching that focuses on sin feeds the sense of unworthiness and condemnation and creates a nation of freed slaves.

If we had known that we could stand before the Father just as freely as Adam did in the Garden, as Jesus did in His earth walk, it would have made life a great deal different.

This struggle after faith was because of a sense of unworthiness on our part.

We have had the sense of unrighteousness built into us by our teachers.

We have not known what Redemption means to the believer.

2 Cor. 5:17-21 contains the story of the New Creation and of man's standing before the Father:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NLT) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! [18] And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. [19] For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. [20] So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" [21] For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

The old things of condemnation

the old things of sin and weakness, of failure, of doubt and fear are passed away,

and there has come into us a New Creation without condemnation, without fear.

We have become instantaneously a child of God and we are reconciled to Him."

There is no condemnation, no sense of unworthiness. there is no fear, there is no sense of sin.

Like a child in its Mother's bosom, we are perfectly restful and contented.

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Last week I said.... **THE MOST PITIFUL SLAVE IS THE DECEIVED SLAVE - WHO HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED INTO BELIEVING HE IS ALREADY FREE**

But allow me to flip that statement

THE MOST PITIFUL SAINT IS THE DECEIVED SAINT - WHO HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED INTO BELIEVING HE IS NOT YET FREE, TOTALLY FREE, COMPLETELY FREE

We have heard the voices of preachers who had themselves a sense of unworthiness and sin, so that whenever they prayed they had to ask for forgiveness and cry for mercy.

They act as though they had never been Born Again, as though sin had never been put away.

I have told you many times about my conversation with T.L. Osborne who when I asked what is the most important message for the church - He said, "Tell them who they are, they don't know who they are."

That is what I am doing today - I am standing on the rooftop and shouting it out

Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty we are free at last!

I heard a talking head on TV say that the man won't let us free and I thought to myself, "The MAN already set you free, you are looking to the wrong man for your Freedom."

Hebrews 12:2 (MKJV) looking to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith,....

- Whenever you feel trapped - fix your eyes on Jesus. Remember who HE is and who HE has made you to be - Free

- Whenever you feel ashamed, condemned or guilty - fix your eyes on Jesus. Remember who HE is and who HE has made you to be - Free
- Whenever you feel unworthy, not deserving of the blessing of increase, promotion and wealth - fix your eyes on Jesus. Remember who HE is and who HE has made you to be - Free

1 Peter 2:16 Act as free people....

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Why would He count against us, His own Sons and Daughters in Christ, our sins and leave us with a sin-consciousness?

He has not.

We have built it into ourselves by listening to men's words instead of the Words of Christ which make us free.

Our sins have been wiped out as though they had never been.

That old wicked self has been put away and a New Self has taken its place.

We are New Creations.

Then in the 21st verse he says these marvelous words:

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB) He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

And the next verse, I want you to notice it?

2 Corinthians 6:1 (NASB) And working together with Him, we also urge you **not to receive the grace of God in vain**

What does that mean? It means not allowing this grace to have any real affect on your day to day life.

Galatians 2:21 (NASB) "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

You couldn't work together with Him unless you were Righteous, unless you were in fellowship with Him.

He has made you, by the New Birth, the very Righteousness of God in Christ.

The sin problem is settled for the believer.

Now it is the problem of my entering into my inheritance.

1. I shared with Him in His death.
2. I shared with Him in His suffering.
3. I shared with Him when He was made Righteous.
4. I shared with Him when He was made alive.
5. I shared with Him when He met the adversary in the dark regions and conquered him.
6. I shared with Him when He arose from the dead.
7. I shared with Him in the mind of Justice when He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High.
8. I am seated there according to His own Word.
9. I am free from condemnation
10. I am free from the guilt of my old conduct and my union with satan.

I turn to Rom. 8:31 and I read what He inspired Paul to write to me.

Romans 8:31-37 (NASB) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

That settles it.

[32] He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him **freely** give us all things?

There is that word again. How many things will HE give us?

And then He says these marvelous words: [33] Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

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[34] who is the one who condemns? [makes you feel less than, inferior to, underselling or unworthy] Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

[35] Who will separate us from the love of Christ? [this is what condemnation will do] Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? [36] Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." [37] But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us

There is no more condemnation - none.

The only problem is this: Have we learned who we are?

Are we willing to fight for our right to be free? To resist those who would bewitch us and strip us of our freedoms

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Stand to your feet and let's say this together.

Jesus Christ has set me free / I am free indeed!

There are no limits, no boundaries that can stop me / I am free

Free to be all that HE created me to be

Free to be bold, courageous and strong.

I am free to be what I never thought I could be.