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# THE TRUTH HERALD

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## Freedom



1 - The LORD God Almighty is in the freedom-setting business. How do we know this? His Word tells us so. We are no longer under the curse of the law. We are free from the bondage of sin. And we have been liberated from the world of darkness into His glorious light. Remind yourself on a daily basis that God has called you to live in freedom.

*But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom by believing in Jesus Christ. | (Gal 3:22) years God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children. (Gal 4:5) | For when we died with Christ, we were set free from the power of sin. (Rom 6:7) | For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His dear son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. (Col 1:13, 14) | For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. (Gal 5:13a)*

2 - How has God called His created ones to freedom? God sent His Son Jesus Christ to pay the price for our freedom. Jesus Christ has paid the price for the freedom of every individual. When one believes in Jesus Christ, one appropriates this freedom. God's Holy Spirit then comes to dwell in one's heart. And wherever the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. Therefore, the point of departure for attaining freedom is to believe in Jesus Christ. Accept God's gift of salvation as your point of departure for living in freedom.

*Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. (John 8:36) | And because you belong to Him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. (Romans 8:2) | Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. (Rom 6:18) | But you are now free from the power of sin, and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. (Rom 6:22)*

3 - Once we have received the gift of salvation, how do we walk in freedom? We walk in the truth. The truth sets us free. The Holy Spirit leads into all truth. Even before the Holy Spirit had come to dwell in men on earth, David, a man after God's own heart, understood that the key to his freedom was devoting himself to God's commandments (Ps. 119:45). Today, as children of God, we have God's Holy Spirit living in our hearts. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth every day.

*Jesus said to the people who believed in Him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32) | When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own, but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future. (John 16:13)*

4 - How can we determine whether the of the Lord is in a place or thing? Wherever the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. Freedom is a measure of the Spirit of the Lord in a place or thing. Where the Spirit of the Lord is not, there is no freedom. Jesus expounded on His freedom-setting mission in His teachings. To walk in the Holy Spirit is to walk in freedom. Ask the Holy Spirit to walk with you on a daily basis.

*For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2 Cor 3:17) | "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free." (Luke 4:18)*

5 - We can be born again and yet slip into bondage. The Bible admonishes us to be careful to stay free and not slip into slavery to anything or anyone other than Christ Jesus and His teachings. Ask the Holy Spirit your helper to help you not to slip into any form of bondage in any area of your life, and to regain freedom in areas where you have slipped into bondage.

*So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure you stay free, and don't not get tied up again in slavery to the law. (Gal 5:1) | You have died with Christ, and He has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep following the rules of the world ...? (Col 2:20) | ... For you are a slave to whatever controls you. (1 Peter 2:19b)*

6 - We can be born again and use our freedom to satisfy our sinful nature. The Bible admonishes us not to misuse our freedom in this way, but instead to use our freedom to serve one another in love. Ask the Holy Spirit to anoint you to use your freedom to serve others in love.

*For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. (1 Peter 2:16) | But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. (Gal 5:13b) | He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds. (Titus 2:14)*