

FREE INDEED

John 8:31-36 and other Scriptures

How Jesus breaks unseen chains that bind us all

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LET'S GET STARTED

"Give me liberty, or give me death!" Those famous words, spoken by Patrick Henry in March of 1775, voiced the political sentiment that fueled the American Revolution. His words also express a spiritual reality most people don't realize: life lived apart from the freedom Christ alone can give *is* death. Thankfully, Christ offers to break our chains—and when He does, we become truly free.

Chains that bind us without our knowing it

1. Our own _____
2. Wrong _____
3. Wrong _____
4. Unresolved _____

Romans 8:1-2—¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8: 21— . . . the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

2 Corinthians 3:17—Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

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.

Galatians 5:13a—You, my brothers, were called to be free. . . .

Quotable

*True and absolute freedom
is only found in the
presence of God.*

—A. W. Tozer

*Being free in Christ—real
freedom—means seeing
things clearly. It means
knowing who you are and
what God has done for you
in Christ. It means loving
and obeying Him with the
full assurance that God
will make good on His
promise and you will
spend eternity with Him.*

—Ben Giselbach

If you would like to know more

The Steps to Freedom in Christ, by Neil T. Anderson (Bethany House, 2017)

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LET'S HEAR THE WORD

John 8:31-36—³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” ³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Your freedom . . . and what to do with it

- Jesus freed you from the domination of _____, so start saying no to _____.

Romans 6:12-14—¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

- Jesus freed you from the prison of _____, so trust God's _____.

John 8:31-32—³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

- Jesus freed you from the impossible task of _____ salvation, so embrace God's _____.

Ephesians 2:8-9—⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by realizing that we really are free in Christ, and by standing upon that freedom, so that we never again submit to “a yoke of slavery.”

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