

**TRUE FREEDOM**  
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**JOHN 8:31-32**

We are blessed to live in a nation founded on the principle of “Liberty and Justice for All.” Because we are Americans, we have freedom of religion, of speech, of the press, to assemble and to petition the government.

Our freedoms are so valued that many brave men and women sacrificed their lives to provide them and protect them. But as wonderful as these freedoms are, there is another freedom that is far greater.

Political and social freedoms are temporal, but the freedom Jesus was speaking of is eternal, and spiritual. Instead of asking about this true freedom, they got angry and wanted to stone Jesus.

**JOHN 8:59**

1. True freedom comes from knowing and continuing in God’s Word. **JOHN 8:31-32**
  - A. What it says about salvation. **EPHESIANS 2:8-9**
  - B. What it says about righteousness. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**
  - C. What it says about healing. **1 PETER 2:24**
    - **JOHN 8:33** – Their belief in Jesus was superficial. They said they believed in Him, but rejected His Word. They were in bondage to the Egyptians, Babylonians, Persians, Syrians, Philistines and Romans.
2. True freedom is being freed from the tyranny of Satan and sin. Something no government or law can provide. **JOHN 8:34-35**
  - A. This is a reference to the law and grace, to Ishmael and Isaac. **GALATIANS 4:21-31 (ESV)**
3. True freedom comes from Jesus. **JOHN 8:36**
  - A. The first “**FREE**” means to set at liberty, as a slave being made free from slavery. The second “**FREE**” means one who is freeborn or was never a slave to begin with.
  - B. Only Jesus has the power to provide a freedom so complete that it liberates one from his past, blots out his past and makes him as if he never sinned. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Jesus is the source of true freedom. **GALATIANS 5:1-2 (ESV)**
2. Jesus provides the scope of true freedom
  - Freedom from God’s wrath. **ROMANS 5:9**
  - Freedom from sin. **ROMANS 6:17-18 (ESV)**
  - Freedom from Satan’s tyranny. **COLOSSIANS 1:13**
  - Freedom from condemnation. **ROMANS 8:1**
  - Freedom from the law of sin and death. **ROMANS 8:2**
  - Freedom from the curse of the law. **GALATIANS 3:13**
3. Jesus was sacrificed for true freedom. **1 PETER 1:18-19**
  - Much blood was shed to provide our political and social freedoms, but only one sacrifice was necessary to provide eternal freedom. Why? Because His Blood was the perfect blood that washes whiter than snow.
  - By His Blood, Satan is defeated, the power of sin is broken, hell’s flames are quenched and every slave to sin is liberated.
  - **JOHN 8:37** – His Word has a place in our lives. It incites us to activity because we desire the freedoms that He offers.