

WHO THE SON SETS FREE

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INTRODUCTION:

What do we think of when we think of freedom? National, political, religious freedom? Freedom of speech, to pursue our dreams or freedom to govern ourselves? **JOHN 8:31-36** Jesus spoke of a freedom that only He can provide. Freedom from the dominion of sin, or spiritual freedom. No matter what we do, or how many sacrifices we make, freedom from sin and its effects can only come from Jesus.

JOHN 8:33-34

Did they forget they were slaves in Egypt? **LEVITICUS 26:13 (NIV)** Moses didn't give them freedom, God did. God broke the bars of their yoke. A yoke is a metaphor for any bondage they were in. In the New Testament, the yoke of slavery refers to the bondage of sin and God's law. Before Christ, God's law was a form of slavery, an oppressive structure they couldn't get free from unless they perfectly fulfilled it.

GALATIANS 5:1 (NIV)

Just as the Israelites were set free from Egyptian slavery to serve God, we were set free to become slaves for Christ, and to conform to His image. Not to serve ourselves, sin or the world.

CONTROLLED FREEDOM

1 PETER 2:16 (NLT)

- We live in a culture that demands total freedom. They want what they want to be tolerated and celebrated. **JUDGES 21:25** This is called uncontrolled freedom.
- Controlled freedom says: I can drive, but not on the wrong side of the road. I can assemble, but not to destroy the property of others.

GALATIANS 5:13-18 (MSG)

Jesus didn't free us to be a law to ourselves. He set us free to serve Him and one another in love.

CONDITIONAL FREEDOM

GALATIANS 5:2-6 (NIV)

It's simply Jesus and nothing else. Not Jesus plus circumcision, the law, good works or anything else. It's not trying, it's trusting; not guilt, but grace; not rules, but relationship. It's faith working by love that matters. God loves us for who we are.

GALATIANS 5:7-8 (KJV)

Hinder means to cut in front of you, to interfere with your progress: a wrong understanding of the gospel, unhealthy relationships, bad decisions.

CONSTRUCTIVE FREEDOM

JOHN 8:31-32

- The truth about ourselves: anyone can be a slave to sin, pride, lust, greed, jealousy, insecurity, self-esteem, drugs, alcohol, guilt, fear, worry, our looks.
- The truth about freedom: true freedom is found in Christ, in the Word, and transformation comes by the Spirit. **2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18**

JOHN 8:36

The Son has set us free and our freedom is within us. Freedom from fear comes from knowing **2 TIMOTHY 1:7, ISAIAH 41:10** and **43:1-3a**, as spiritual realities.

CONCLUSION:

Freedom is obtained and maintained by exercising faith in Christ who sets us free. **LUKE 13:16**