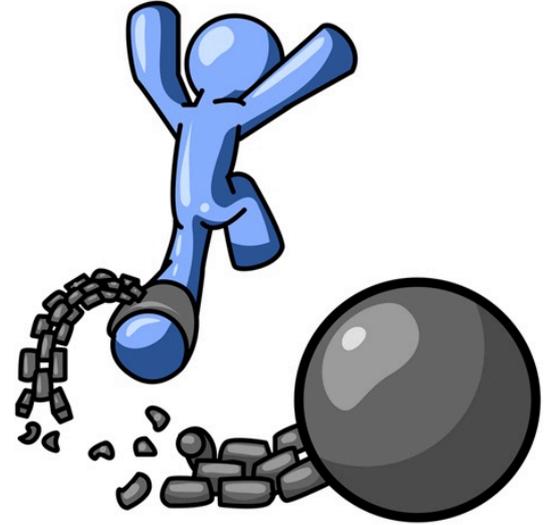


Freedom

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Freedom found in Christ's Truth

- John 8:32
 - “And you shall know the truth, and *the truth shall make you free.*”



The nature of this freedom

- **Not total freedom - there is no such thing.**
 - **Can't choose to obey laws of nature**
 - **Can't choose if we will accept the consequences of our moral choices**
- **Even in the spiritual realm, we are not totally free.**

For Example

- ***We are not totally free:***
 - **To ignore the needs of others**
 - **Galatians 6:1-2 (NKJV)**
 - 1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.
 - 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

For Example

- ***We are not totally free:***
 - **To engage in the works of the flesh**
 - **Galatians 5:13 (NKJV)**

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. >

For Example

- **Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV)**

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, ***that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.***

For Example

- ***We are not totally free:***

- **To ignore the conscience of others**

- **1 Corinthians 8:9-13 (NKJV)**

9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.

10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

11 And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12 But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

For Example

- ***We are not totally free:***
 - From the restraints of the law of Christ
 - **1 Corinthians 9:21 (NKJV)**
21 to those *who are* without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those *who are* without law; >

For Example

- **From the restraints of the law of Christ**
 - **Galatians 6:2 (NKJV)**
 - 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



What are we free from?

We are free from:



- *Pharisaical legalism*

- Pharisees had over 500 interpretations of the law.



- ***For example: Laws of the Sabbath***
 - **Mark 2:27 (NKJV)**

27 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.
 - **1 John 5:3 (NKJV)**

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.



■ Laws of defilement (Mk. 7:1-13)

■ Mark 7:7-13 (NKJV)

7 *And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'*

8 "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men-- the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

9 He said to them, "*All too well* you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

10 For Moses said, '*Honor your father and your mother*'; and, '*He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.*'

11 But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me *is Corban*"--' (that is, a gift to God),

12 then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother,

13 making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."



- ***For example: Laws without mercy***
 - **Matthew 23:23 (NKJV)**

23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

Jesus' Promise



■ Mt. 11:28-30

- 28 "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you ***rest***.
- 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find ***rest*** for your souls.
- 30 ***"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."***

We are free from:



- *The Law of Moses*

- **Colossians 2:14 (NKJV)**

- **14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. *And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*



- ***The Law of Moses pointed them to Jesus***
 - **Romans 10:4 (NKJV)**
 - For ***Christ is the end of the law*** for righteousness to everyone who believes.

We are free from:



■ *Ignorance and superstition*

■ Acts 19:19

- 19 Also, many of those who had *practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.* And they counted up the value of them, and *it* totaled fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

We are free from:



■ *Fear of death*

- Heb. 2:14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
- 15 and *release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Conclusion

- How does that freedom come?
 - *Through obedience from the heart*
 - Rom 6:17 But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, **yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.**
 - 18 And **having been set free from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness.