

You Have been Made Free

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Freedom:

- Spirit of the Lord brings Freedom

Ga 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Ro 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

- Exemption from and care

Ro 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

- Spontaneous outflow of life and peace

Ro 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

We have been freed from:

- Dominion of sin
- Power of the devil
- Given power over our the flesh

Free from sin because you are dead

Ro 6:18 And having been set free [*liberated; MADE free*] from sin, you became slaves [*servant; enslaved*] of righteousness.

Ro 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Ro 6:22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Col 3:1-3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Ro 6:3-7 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Sin has no claim or right to rule in your life; no dominion

Joh 8:34-36 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

FREED dikaiow dikaiou, to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent:--free, justify(-ier), be righteous.

Ro 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for **you are not under law but under grace.**

Ro 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Ga 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ (by acting in faith) have put on Christ.

[You are in Christ NOW!]

There Is A Enormous Difference Between Being "Freed" And Being "Free"!

Executive Order: Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863 -provided the legal framework for the emancipation of nearly all four million slaves as the Union armies advanced, and committed the Union to ending slavery, which was a controversial decision even in the North. Hearing of the Proclamation, more slaves quickly escaped to Union lines as the

Army units moved South. As the Union armies advanced through the Confederacy, thousands of slaves were freed each day until nearly all (approximately 4 million, according to the 1860 census) were freed by July 1865. (Wikipedia)

Many were free as they heard and believed were emboldened to act as “free” men & women. In truth they were freed the moment the Executive Order was given.

Today many Christians have been freed (from the bondage produced by the Law and by the dominion of sin) but are not free because they don’t believe it!

They are still operating under the Old Covenant which is a “covenant of performance” and not “covenant of faith” (in God or God’s provision)

Type & Shadow from Abraham as to “freedom”:

Gal 4:21-31 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar--

for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children--

but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband."

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.

Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."

So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free. Two sons: symbolic of the two covenants

Bondwoman (Hagar)

- born of the flesh by the self-will and strength of Abraham & Sarah
- covenant of bondage - performance

Freewoman (Sarah)

- born through a promise of God by the of faith of Abraham; by the spirit
- covenant of promise – faith in what God says

We are not children of the bondwoman but children produced from the freewoman which is of faith.

Ro 7:6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

Ga 2:19-21 "For I through the (effect of) law died to the law that I might live to God.

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Romans 7:13-25 is an example of someone who has abandoned his dependency upon Christ (even after being “born-again”). This person is trying to live the Christian life out of their own strength and resources in an effort to produce God’s results. This is impossible!

Characteristics of a person living in the “carnal nature (thinking)”

There are several characteristics of someone who is living from the provision of their own strength as opposed to the provision of faith. You might call this “Fruit” or biblically it is the “deeds of the flesh”

- **Unstable** – unstable people are actually “untaught” in the ways of the Lord

Jas 1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. (always between two opinions)

2Pe 3:16 as also in all his (Apostle Paul) epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

- **Strife** – carnal thinking always produces strife because it goes against the spirit of God

1Co 3:3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

Strife always produces bad fruit because it will eventually involve other people

- **Self-willed** – basically this is “pride” - stubbornness

2Pe 2:10 and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed...” They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, (“those in authority”)

Presumptuous - a daring (audacious, overconfident, daring) man.

Self-willed - self-pleasing, i.e. arrogant, egotistical, condescending, haughty

Living By The Spirit Is Life

Gal 5:16-25 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. . . But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. . . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. . . Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Ga 5:16-18 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

[Amplified] “But I say, walk and live [habitually, as a matter of routine *or* with consistency] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to *and* controlled *and* guided by the Spirit]; THEN you will most certainly NOT gratify [indulge, satisfy, fulfill, oblige, enchant] the cravings and desires of the flesh [of human or carnal nature without God].

Recognize it is God (Jesus) who is living His life through you

Php 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

2Co 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,

Heb 13:21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Ga 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Ro 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. “

Those led by the spirit..” euphemism for “born-again

Ro 8:11-14 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

- Purpose of the being “led by the Spirit” is so as to mortify [*kill, degrade, crush, take down, put down, humble*] the deeds [*practices, actions, performance, following after*] of flesh