

Stepping Into...

“Freedom in Truth”

Misconceptions about Freedom

- Freedom is doing whatever feels right to me

Judges 21:25 NLT In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

- Freedom is having no restrictions - getting whatever I desire

Ecc. 2:10 NIV I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.

- Freedom means not being held down by anything or anyone
– ‘No master, No commitments, No obligations’.

Rom. 6:16 NLT “Don’t you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? ...”

Security and Direction



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What is the Truth?

John 18:37-38 NKJV

³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, **that I should bear witness to the truth**. Everyone who is **of the truth** hears My voice.” ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, “**What is truth?**” And when he had said this, he went out again ...

John 8:18 NLT “I am one witness, and my Father who sent me is the other.”

The authenticity of His witness proven by the historical and prophetic accuracy of the Bible

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The Truth Revealed!

John 14:6 NLT

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

He is the absolute Truth: The Truth upon which all other truths are weighed, reviewed and judged!

“Jesus embodies what men ought to know and believe of God; what they should do as children of God, and what they should be.”

The 'Truth' Sets People Free

John 8:30-38 NLT

³⁰ Then many who heard him say these things believed in him

³¹ Jesus said to the people who **believed** in him, "You are truly my **disciples** if you **remain faithful** to my **teachings**."

³² And you will **know the truth**, and **the truth will set you free**.

John 8:34 & 36 NLT

³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, **everyone who sins is a slave of sin.** ³⁶ **So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.**

Freedom in Truth (Christ) is...

Titus 2:14 He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

Gal. 5:13 For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Rom. 6:18 Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.

Gal. 5:17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires.

Freedom in Christ is...

- Freedom 'from' Sin-its power, control and consequence- 'to' righteous living
- Being clean inside-out
- Commitment to doing good
- Serving and Loving one another – no longer self-centred/selfish
- Commitment to living right - choices / decisions / words / actions
- Having Godly desires/cravings!

You know you are free when you do what you love to do if what you love to do is what you ought to do!

Staying Free

Gal. 5:1 NIV

“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.”

1. keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus (Heb 12:1-2)
2. Unloading the weight of bitterness/unforgiveness/Envy/Pride
3. Confessing sin (1 John 1:9)
4. Forgetting the past and looking forward (Phil 3: 13-14)
5. Walking in the Spirit (Gal 5:16)
6. Checking motives always through the light of God's words
7. Praying without ceasing (1 Thes. 5:17)

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.

Apostle Paul (Gal 2:20)

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