
You've Been Given Freedom!

I. In the Words of Jesus (John 8:31-36)

There is freedom from the power of sin to condemn and control you.

This freedom is gained by your faith in and following of Me.

II. In the Words of the Apostle (Galatians 5:1-13)

Law-keeping righteousness is not compatible with the freedom you have in Christ.

In Christ you have received righteousness by grace through faith.

Lust-keeping is not compatible with the freedom you have in Christ.

I am free from the power of sin through following Christ!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Have you had a time in your life when you felt like a certain desire or idea controlled you? Where did it take you? Has there been a lasting effect?

2. Read John 8:31-36. Notice who Jesus is talking to. What does the context tell us about them?

What freedom is Jesus talking about? How is it gained?

What would you like to have freedom from?

Apply the words of Jesus for how to have freedom to your life. What does it look like; what do you do?

3. Read Galatians 5:1-12. What slavery is Paul is talking about? Why is it bad?

Do you tend to equate keeping all the commandments with being righteous? If not, why not? If so, in what ways?

Look back over the passage, how is the righteousness of God that we need gained?

Explain what the freedom Christ gained for us is, and what it should look like in your life.

4. Read Galatians 5:13. What misuse of this freedom is Paul addressing here? What better focus of time and energy does he point them to?

In what areas of temptation are you tempted to misuse your freedom?

How can following Jesus help you? What does or would it look like?