

Are You Truly Free?

Introduction:

- A. Have you ever tried to imagine being Barabbas, the “notorious prisoner” and “murderer”?
- B. You have more in common with him than you might think.

I. The Gospel of Jesus Christ: An _____ to Real Freedom (Rom 6:17-18)

- A. Without Christ, I am a doomed and helpless slave (Rom 7:24; Luke 4:18).
- B. The gospel is a message of liberation (Rom 8:20-21; Gal 5:1).
- C. As with the children of Israel, our Father is a God of deliverance (Exo 20:2; Acts 16:22-25).
 - 1. He offers freedom from:
 - a. The tyranny of _____ (James 4:7).
 - b. _____ (John 8:30-36; 1 Cor 10:13; 2 Pet 2:9).
 - c. The fear of _____ (1 Cor 15:56-57; Heb 2:14-15).
 - 2. Why would anyone fail to take advantage of the freedom offered through Jesus?

II. Freedom in Jesus Christ: A _____ Freedom of Discipleship

- A. Freedom is not the same as license, autonomy or anarchy (Gal 5:13; 1 Pet 2:16).
- B. Freedom and law are not contradictory, but complimentary.
- C. The blessing of freedom in Christ involves:
 - 1. A realization of the need for _____ (Jer 10:23).
 - 2. _____ of divine revelation (2 Tim 3:16-17).
 - 3. The tenderness of a God-shaped _____ (1 Tim 1:5).
 - 4. Willingness to relinquish _____ (2 Cor 5:14-15).
 - 5. Goal-oriented _____ (1 Cor 9:24-27).
 - 6. Humble responsiveness to _____ (Prov 3:11-12).

III. Freedom in Christ: A Treasure to be _____ and Protected (2 Pet 2:20-22)

- A. Our Redeemer asks us to show our gratitude for his matchless gift by:
 - 1. Growth in our ability to forsake sin (1 John 2:1; 3:9; Rom 6:1-2).
 - 2. Sympathy and concern for those who are still in bondage to sin (Rom 9:1-3).