

The Fifth Freedom, Freedom from Sin

Every human being on earth has a sin problem and every one of us needs a Savior who will set us free from sin.

No Longer _____ to _____

“Sin will take you further than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.” Followers of Jesus are not only saved, but free from sin and its bondage!

True Freedom Comes Through Christ John 8:31-32 and 34-36 / 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
 NOT PERFECTION, BUT NOT LIVING IN BONDAGE EITHER!

What Is Freedom? The true freedom Jesus and Paul were talking about is “freedom from restraint and obligation” in general; the freedom from the control or bondage of sin.

Freedom With Commitment and _____!
 John 8:11 / Romans 6:1-2 / 1 Peter 2:16 (NLT) / Romans 6:20 and 22

Bold Next Step: This week I will surrender to the leadership of Christ Jesus and the control of righteousness.

How to Experience True Freedom

1. _____ **In the Spirit** Galatians 5:16-17
2. **Stay In the** _____ _____ _____ John 8:31-32 / James 1:25
3. **Remember That the _____ to Freedom Is Bondage and Spiritual Death**
 Galatians 5:1 **DEATH CYCLE** - Free from Sin but no longer living free from sin. You choose the yoke of bondage. The Holy Spirit is grieved and hindered by the presence of unconfessed sin in your life. Where the Spirit is not, there is not liberty. **LIFE CYCLE** - Free from sin and living free from sin. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom! Due to a lack of sin, you experience more of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, hence more freedom!
 CHRIST JESUS CAN BREAK THE DEATH CYCLE IF YOU CONFESS YOUR SINS 1 John 1:9

Bold Next Step: I will choose to live in the life cycle rather than the death cycle.

4. **Serve** _____ _____ **In Love** Galatians 5:13-14

Bold Next Step: Today I will sign up on my communication card for one or more of these upcoming events, so that I can use my freedom to serve others.

- Serving families and children at our Back-to-School Party! This Saturday July 24th.
- Going public with your story of salvation with Water Baptism next Sunday July 25th.
- Attending Next Step Ministry Teams on Wednesday July 28th to discover your gifts and talents and how you might better serve others.

Freedom Is Not Necessarily Free. It Normally Costs Somebody Something.

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. What are the Four Freedoms? What are we calling the Fifth Freedom?
2. How would you define freedom? What kind of freedom are the scriptures referring to? Is freedom really free?
3. What did Pastor Scott mean when he talked about Freedom with commitment and responsibility?
4. One of the ways to experience true freedom is to “walk in the Spirit “(Gal. 5:16-17). How do we walk in the Spirit? What does that mean?
5. How will knowing the Word of God help us experience true freedom?
6. According to Gal. 5:1, Christ has set us free. How, then, do we then find ourselves in the yoke of slavery to sin?
7. Describe The Life Cycle and The Death Cycle. Which one do you spend the most time in?
8. According to Gal. 5:13-14, what is the secret weapon to continue to walk in freedom?

Answers: Slaves – Sin / Responsibility / Walk / Word – of – God / Alternative / One - Another