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Living In Freedom: Make Sure That You Stay Free

Spiritual Freedom In Christ Is The Ability To Obey God And Choose His Will For Our Lives

Romans 8:2-4 - *And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.*

Our Job As Followers Of Christ Is To Not Let Anything Enslave Us Again

Galatians 5:1, 5-6, 13-14 - *So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law...⁵ But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. ⁶ For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love... 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. ¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

- 1. Trusting In Our Own Works.**
- 2. Doubting Christ's Power To Deal With Our Sin.**

We Wait For God To Increase His Righteousness In Us

Matthew 9:2 - *Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven."*

Matthew 11:28 - *"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest..."*

John 8:10-11 - *Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" ¹¹"No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."*

John 16:33 - *"...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

A Christ-like Expression Is The Result Of True Freedom

Galatians 5:5-6 - *But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.*

Only Through The Spirit Is Righteousness Given Enabling Us To Walk In Genuine Freedom

Hebrews 9:28 - *Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.*

Our Ability To Reflect The Character and Personality of Jesus Seen By Serving Others

Luke 7:47 - *...a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.*

Our Love For Others Is A Way To Monitor Our Faith As A Whole