



TRUE FREEDOM

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“Life without liberty is like a body without spirit.”

- Kahlil Gibran

As Christians we know that it was our Heavenly Father who breathed the spirit of life into each of us. How can we, as mere mortals, not cry out for the freedom that only He can give? For men and women to have no spirit within these human flesh and bones means we have left this world and stepped over into our eternal home. Eternity in heaven is where we are no longer bound by our flesh or by our fears, our opinions, or our natural abilities; we are now truly free!

So we know, by our own experience, that men and women in every part of the world cry out for freedom. What freedoms are they really looking for? The freedom that can only be found in the One who makes us truly free. Jesus said in **John 8:34-36**,

34 I tell you most solemnly that anyone who chooses a life of sin is trapped in a dead-end life and is, in fact, a slave.

35 A slave is a transient, who can't come and go at will. The Son, though, has an established position, the run of the house.

36 *So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through. MSG.*

We can stand on a mountain and shout out that *we will be free, however are we really free through and through? Many believe that freedom means that we can come and go as we please and saying what we want to say.* Yet, those same people are bound by other things such as sickness, fear, and poverty.

Freedom must come from inside the hearts of men; they will then discover that they are truly free indeed in their spirits, their souls, and their bodies. There are men and women in heaven who are more free than some who are living in the flesh today. Oh that man would cry out for true freedom. *Freedom in Christ!*

Nelson Mandela said, *For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.*

We, as true free people in Christ, know that freedom only comes to us through Him who died and defeated every bondage, including death. Christ then passed on to those of us who chose Him, this same freedom from sin, sickness, and death that He planned for us to experience in this life. How can we not pass on this liberty to those around us who are bound in this natural world shouting for freedom?

Romans 10:14-15 reveals, *How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things! NKJV*

When we speak of freedom, I want you to know that I am not speaking of what the world would call freedom. **Freedom isn't the right to choose to have an abortion or telling God He made a**

mistake, freedom isn't living life at the expense of others. True freedom is not found with how you live life according to what you think or believe. *True freedom living is found only in Christ and His word!*

We just celebrated **Memorial Day** in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives to keep the American people free. Prayerfully, we will all come to the realization that *living free in America was due to other free men giving their lives for freedom*. May we understand what freedom is, both *nationally and spiritually*, and not waste this freedom only to end up in bondage for eternity. May we experience the true freedom found in the Lord Jesus Christ who makes us free in every area.

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