

Freedom

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Galatians 5:1 (ESV)

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Why has Christ set us free? For Freedom!

1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV)

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful.

1 Corinthians 10:23 (ESV)

“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful.

At first glance, this may seem shocking to us! However, this is the summation of understanding the work of Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit “verses” a religion of rules.

Romans 7:6 (ESV)

We serve in **the new way of the Spirit** and not in the old way of the written code.

The New Way of the Spirit! Not in the Old Way of the written code! The new way of the Spirit produces evidence. The new way of the Spirit impacts behavior through an empowered relationship with Christ.

If there is not a change in behavior, it is evidence that there is not a relationship present.

1 John 2:4 (ESV)

Whoever **says** “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth (Jesus) is not in him. ***(There is not any evidence of God’s creative power in them!) JESUS IS THE TRUTH!***

A change in behavior is evidence of an indwelling relationship with Christ.

1 John 2:5 (ESV)

But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him. ***(There is evidence of God’s creative power in them!)***:

A relationship with Christ is evidenced by Holy Spirit impacted behavior, which is line with Christ’s behavior. THEREFORE:

1 John 2:6 (ESV)

Whoever **says** he abides in him **ought to walk in the same way** in which **Jesus walked**.

Jesus did not do things on HIS own! Jesus only did what the Holy Spirit told HIM to do! How do we walk as Jesus walked? Jesus said:

John 5:30 (ESV)

I can do nothing on my own. ... I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

**Now Jesus is telling us, “You behave as I behaved!”
Let the Holy Spirit guide you.**

1 John 2:27 (ESV)

But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything.

We learn and grow through our mental capacities. God instructs us to renew our mind, but also the “anointing” teaches us, which is the confirming work of the Holy Spirit. Religion is afraid to accept that we are free from the rules because there would be nothing to guide us and restrain our behavior. However, we as Christians are empowered by the Holy Spirit, led by the Holy Spirit, given gifts by the Holy Spirit, and motivated and restrained by the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit we are free!!!!

The ministry of the Holy Spirit and Freedom are bound together!

2 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

With Freedom comes great responsibility.

1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

God made us spiritually alive and empowered us.

Colossians 2:13–14 (ESV)

You were dead **God made you alive** having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us **Nailing it to the cross.**

God forgave us nailing the “Rules” to the cross. We are free and have the Holy Spirit giving us the motivation and power to cooperate with God!



Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.