
Independence: Understanding Spiritual Freedom

Romans 6:16-23

Related Teaching of Jesus on Freedom (John 8:31-36)

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, 'You will be made free '?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ "And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Romans 6:1-23

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? ¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as slaves* of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading* to *more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as slaves* of righteousness for holiness. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1. Freedom's Principle (16)

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Romans 6
Free From the Guilt of Sin
Free From the Bonds of Sin
Free to Serve God in Righteousness
Free to Follow God's Will

1. DEITY – We Are Never Independent From God

- His Word (Matt 4:4 - Man does not live by bread alone...)
- His Mandates (John 14:15 - If you love Me...; 1 Jn 5:2-3)
- His Holiness (1 Pet 1:15-16 - Be holy, for I am holy)
- His Creative Power (Col 1:16-17 - Holds all things together) + Natural Laws
- His Divine Control (Turns the heart of king; Eph 1:11)
- His Judgment (Every knee shall bow...; Bema; 1 Tim 4:1-2)

2. FAMILY – We Are Never Independent From Family Responsibilities

- To Our Parents (Eph 6:1-3)
- To Our Children (Eph 6:4)
- To Our Grand-Children (Psalm 78:1-6)
- To Our Needy Extended Family (1 Tim 5:8)

3. AUTHORITY – We Are Never Independent From God's Appointed Leadership

- Parental (Eph 6:1-3)
- Civil (Rom 13:1-7)
- Spiritual (Heb 13:7,17; 1 Peter 5:5)

4. INIQUITY – We Are Never Independent From Sin & Its Consequences

- Sin's Call (Rom 6:12; 7:23-24; James 1:13-15)
- Sin's Consequences (1 Peter 4:15)

5. ACCOUNTABILITY – We Are Never Independent From Judgment

- Every Act (Matt 12:36)
- Every Person (Matt 25:31-46; 2 Tim 4:1)

- Believers (Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10)
- Unbelievers (Rev 20:11-15)

Galatians 5:13 – “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do no [use] liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” Freedom To Do Right

<p>οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὧ̅ παριστάνετε ἑαυτοὺς δούλους εἰς ὑπακοήν, δοῦλοί ἐστε ὧ̅ ὑπακούετε, ἥτοι ἁμαρτίας εἰς θάνατον ἢ ὑπακοῆς εἰς δικαιοσύνην;</p> <p>χάρις δὲ τῷ θεῷ ὅτι ἦτε δούλοι τῆς ἁμαρτίας ὑπηκούσατε δὲ ἐκ καρδίας εἰς ὃν παρεδόθητε τύπον διδαχῆς, ἐλευθερωθέντες δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας ἐδουλώθητε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ.</p> <p>Ἀνθρώπινον λέγω διὰ τὴν ἀσθένειαν τῆς σαρκὸς ὑμῶν. ὡς περ γὰρ παρεστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ ἀκαθαρσίᾳ καὶ τῇ ἀνομίᾳ εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν, οὕτως νῦν παραστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ εἰς ἁγιασμόν.</p> <p>ὅτε γὰρ δοῦλοι ἦτε τῆς ἁμαρτίας, ἐλεύθεροι ἦτε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ.</p> <p>τίνα οὖν καρπὸν εἶχετε τότε; ἐφ' οἷς νῦν ἐπαισχύνεσθε, τὸ γὰρ τέλος ἐκείνων θάνατος.</p> <p>νυνὶ δὲ ἐλευθερωθέντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας δουλωθέντες δὲ</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Freedom's Principle 2 choices & their results Freedom's Position Freedom's Prompting Freedom's Past Freedom's Produce
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