

The freedom Christ offers
John 8:32, 36-37

INTRODUCTION:

1. Read John 8:32-37
2. From the text we surmise the following:
 - (1) Living in a wealthy country does not necessarily make one wealthy.
 - (2) Likewise living in a free country does not make one free.
3. Jesus makes it clear that freedom is more than political freedom; true freedom is a spiritual condition before God Almighty. Spiritual freedom occurs after Jesus sets us free.
4. It is for this reason we discuss today the Freedom Christ offers.

DISCUSSION: In this regard we will see that--

- I. The Son sets you free – John 8:32, 36-37
 - (1) Christ set us free, Gal. 5:1, 13
 - (2) For freedom
 - (3) Don't put yourself back into slavery
 - (4) Only Christ can break the yoke of bondage
- II. Set free from sin, Rom. 6:18 – How and when
 - (1) Free from the consequences of sin
 - a. Condemnation, Matt. 25:46
 - b. A spirit that is obedient to the devil. James 4:7
 - (2) Free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2-3
 - (3) Free from vices
- III. We were called to be free, Gal. 5:13-14
 - (1) Called us with the gospel, 2 Thess. 2:14-15
 - (2) Keep yourself free from the love of money, Heb. 13:5-6
 - (3) Guard/keep your heart
 - (4) Maintain clean thoughts
 - (5) Be holy
- IV. Responsibility of freedom
 - (1) A man is slave to what masters him, 2 Pet. 2:19-20.
 - a. Alcohol, drugs,
 - b. Food – obesity

- c. Pleasure
 - d. Gal. 5: 19-21
- (2) How to maintain that freedom
- a. Buffet your body, I Cor. 9:27
 - b. Prayer and fasting,
 - c. Resist the devil, James 4:7
- (3) Live as free men; freedom is not cloak for sin, 2 Pet. 2:16

CONCLUSION:

1. We have discussed the freedom Christ offers. In this lesson we learned that --
 - a. Christ Jesus is the only Emancipator
 - b. It is Jesus Christ who sets us free, giving real freedom
 - c. Jesus called us by His gospel to be free, and
 - d. Freedom has responsibilities
2. We close with this question, “are you free?”
3. Remember freedom comes only after one obeys the gospel of Christ, that is,
 - a. Believe in Christ Jesus, John 8:24; 3:16
 - b. Repent of your sins, Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
 - c. Confess your faith in Christ, Rom. 10:9-10
 - d. Be baptized/immersed in water for the forgiveness of your sins, Acts 2:38; 22:16.
4. I encourage you, get into Christ, (Gal. 3:26-27) and be a free person.