

Freedom in Christ

Isaiah 61:1-4

I am so grateful for Jesus! His message of good news | how He heals broken hearts | frees the captives | comforts mourners | replaces darkness with joy/praise | establishes people in a new life with God

Jesus Christ Came to Bring Forgiveness & Freedom

- He did it ... by the Spirit of the Lord | for God so loved the world | by teaching the truth of God | demonstrating the power of God | shedding His precious blood | victory of resurrection | sending His HS | sending disciples
- It is not the will of God for you to live separate from the Father b/c of sin
- Jesus provides forgiveness and the way back to God
- It is not the will of God for you to walk around captive physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually
- Jesus came to forgive and to set the captives free -- forgiveness and freedom
- Hebrews 1:3, 2:14-18 -- Jesus paid the price for our forgiveness and for our freedom -- Galatians 3:13

Appropriating the Death of Jesus -- Romans 6:3-7

- Jesus' death is our death b/c Jesus' death paid the price for our sin -- He died in our place
- When a person is saved [rescued from sin, forgiven, set free] they die with Christ
- Salvation comes to their Spirit, but their soul and body must be conquered/ruled through the spiritual life
- The death of Jesus becomes our death the moment we believe in Him
- We must appropriate this - apply it / utilize it
- Too many walk around in condemnation and fear of death, hell, Satan, temptation
- Fill your spiritual life with the resurrection life of Jesus so you can command your soul & body to serve God
- When sin comes knocking: "I died to that" -- "That no longer lives, but Christ lives in me"

Galatians 2:16

- Freedom comes by faith, not works -- works follow faith, but freedom is a spiritual act
- You are set free in your spirit! So then you can work it out and walk it out in your body/soul

You've had Two Births

- Abraham had two sons, one from a slave and from his wife, a free woman
- The promise of God was connected to the free woman's birth, not the slave birth
- The slave birth symbolizes our natural birth - Romans 5, "By one man sin entered the world"
- Romans 3, "All have sinned and fallen short ... there is no one righteous; not even one"
- Galatians 4:22-32 -- We are children of freedom and supernatural
- Acts 13:39, "Through Him everyone who believes [who acknowledges Jesus as Lord and Savior and follows Him] is justified and declared free of guilt from all things."
- Acts 15:11, "We believe we are saved through the [precious, undeserved] grace of the Lord Jesus [which makes us free of the guilt of sin and grants us eternal life]."
- John 1:1-3 -- John 3:3-6, 17-18 -- you had a natural birth - in Christ you have a spiritual birth when u believe
- Some need to be born again today -- some need to rededicate today -- some need to learn to live in victory
- John 8:32, "And you will know the truth [regarding salvation], and the truth will set you free [from the penalty of sin]." -- Lies / deception keep you in bondage -- truth / honesty bring you into freedom
- John 8:36, "If the Son makes you free, you are unquestionably free."

Do you need forgiveness / freedom? Born again? Rededicate your life? Live in victory?