

To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Radical Love of Jesus

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32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

The Gospel of
JOHN
“Come and See”

John 8:31-36
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Abiding Freedom

John 8

³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him. ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”
⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him...”

We are on a lifelong journey to
know and live out our freedom

1. Freed From

2. Freed By

3. Freed For

Freed From

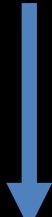
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Sin & Condemnation

Macro



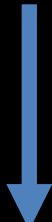
Micro

Substances

Financial

Sexual

Self



Mental

I am a failure

I am not valuable

I don't matter

I'm not loved

I'll never get better

The Prison of Lies

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We are freed not just from the sin
and not just from the consequences;
but freed from the slave-master and all of his lies

Freed By?

Just take away the rules

If I could just stop _____

If my circumstances were better

If things would just go my way for once

The power of positive thinking

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Philippians 2

⁷ (Jesus) emptied himself, by taking the form of a **servant**, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Romans 6

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would ***no longer be enslaved to sin.*** ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

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Revelation 1:17-18

“Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, ***and I have the keys of Death and Hades.***”

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Truth:

Your Identity

Your Value

What Satisfaction is

What sin is and does

Your Destination

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Before Christ

Sin has Presence
and Power

In Christ

Sin has Presence,
But no Power

Eternal Christ

Sin has neither
Presence nor Power

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Freedom Truths

We have been
slaves to Sin
and Death

Jesus came as
a servant to
save us

Jesus' death
defeated our
slave master

Jesus set us
free from the
oppression

We are now
set free to
freely serve

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Abide:
Relational, Honest Saturation

Freed For

³⁵ The slave does not *remain* in the house forever;
the son *remains* forever.

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Galatians 5:7

So you are no longer a slave, but a son,
and if a son, then an heir through God.

Freed For

Confidence with God

Galatians 5:1

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

Generosity with Everybody

Matthew 20

^{26b} But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Benediction

(“good word”)

A 4000 years old tradition of giving a corporate blessing over God’s people.

Malachi 4:2

But for you who fear my name,
the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.
You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.