

“True Freedom, Honest To Goodness” *Jeremiah 17:5-8; John 8:25-32*

Freedom is the full expression of human free-will as the cause of human action and ‘live and let live’ is the basic principle of freedom.

Freedom is legitimate self-determination and self-fulfillment without another’s control and exploitation.

Freedom is also related to privacy, property and authority, so it emphasizes the need for God’s established laws which define the legitimate authority He designed for the protection of this precious freedom.

Authority without freedom is tyranny and freedom without authority is anarchy.

Under God’s established laws, freedom and authority are comingled; we cannot have one without the other.

Freedom and equality of outcome cannot coexist because some use their freedom to advance through self-determination while others use their freedom to coast or even backslide.

That’s why there is no equality in Heaven; eternal reward is determined by the use of human free-will in time.

Freedom should be dogmatically inflexible regarding the essentials of life and totally relaxed and flexible regarding the non-essentials, freedom breeds common sense and orientation to reality.

Spiritual freedom is the environment for all believers to execute the greatest spiritual life of all time, so we must use our spiritual freedom to advance through the objectives of the Christian life.

And spiritual freedom is for believers only as the basis for the execution of the Church Age plan of God.

Just as human freedom can’t exist or be effective without human responsibility, spiritual freedom can’t either.

And spiritual freedom is the basis for equal opportunity for every Church Age believer to execute the plan of God; we have equality to succeed or fail within the freedom God has provided.

So actually, spiritual freedom can coexist with either human freedom or tyranny because spiritual freedom is the private state of the believer’s mind as he lives in his own private palace, the experiential Christian life.

Sadly, too many believers today are not using their spiritual freedom, so they’re grieving the Holy Spirit, preoccupied with themselves in arrogance or quenching the Holy Spirit,

carried away with their own qualities or they're occupied with other people.

Human freedom depends upon human works; spiritual freedom depends on the filling of the Holy Spirit which only exists in the experiential plan of God.

A self-disciplined person always recognizes that others have freedom as well and so he voluntarily subjugates his freedom to them.

An adult must be free to make his own successes or mistakes; therefore, he must take responsibility for all his decisions, good or bad.

A person is not mature until he is able and willing to take full responsibility for his own decisions and actions on a consistent basis.

Freedom allows for and provides the stability of soul necessary for occupation with Jesus Christ and pure worship of God the Father.

'Nothing to fear' characterizes the mindset of someone living in complete faith-rest under pressure drawing on the promises of God's Word to stabilize them during times of adversity.

And from this contentment, they are able to draw from their reservoir of biblical truth in their soul to develop biblical principles that lead to biblical conclusions.

And 'its leaves are always green' refers to a very healthy spiritual life that is highly functional under pressure.

The adversities and challenges of life often make us feel as if we are trapped in a category 5 hurricane but deep biblical roots will enable us to endure any storm until it passes.

All people have a free-will opportunity to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

People go to Hell based on their own decision and not based on God's decision which was Lucifer's charge before his Creator.

To reject the Unique One, the God-man is to reject His work on their behalf and therefore, rely on their own works for salvation.

The Lord Jesus Christ will indict religion in Matthew 23 when He repeats multiple times: "Woe to you!" before He goes to the cross.

The Lord Jesus followed the Father's plan to a T.

Every time we who are believers in Christ attempt to operate in our own power apart from the biblical principles of Scripture, we deviate from the Father's plan.