

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. **Galatians 5:1**

There Is Freedom

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Freedom is a precious stone shared by few and made precious by only those who understand its worth. Living in a land of freedom does not make us free. The heart is only free when one realizes the cost of liberty. Being free recognizes the darkness of bondage embraced by the pains of death. Independence comes from a price paid which no true worth can be measured for the cost is so high. To celebrate freedom without the observance of the sacrifice is a well without water.

Where is true freedom to be found but in the matters belonging unto God? The freedom we experience in our country is tempered by repeated changes throughout the years by the fickle nature of man. Liberty is relative to time when men seek to establish their laws. God is not like man! The freedom offered by God is unchangeable and cannot be altered by man. *"God interposed by an oath, so that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us, which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast"* (**Hebrews 6:17-19**). The liberty given by God is guaranteed by the impossibility for God to lie.

The darkness of sin brings death (**Romans 6:23**). Jesus proclaimed Himself to be the one from whence freedom would come for all men. *"The Spirit of the Lord is on Me; because of this He has anointed Me to proclaim the Gospel*

Store In My Heart

Song Of Solomon 1:1

The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

Though the title in our Bible is drawn from this first verse, it does not really tell us much about the book. Some think this verse simply indicates the song is dedicated to Solomon or was written about him.

Shortly after you begin reading the main idea of this book will be evident. It is a collection of love poems celebrating the relationship between a husband and wife. There is a sexual tone to some of the language and such is appropriate in a marriage relationship. Though it may seem uncomfortable reading, it can be instructive for marriage.

Some see this as an illustration of the love between Christ and his church. While this is possible, I suppose, I feel it is best to take it as it seems and use it to help our own marriage relationship.



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to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and new sight to the blind, to set at liberty those having been crushed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19). Through the cross Jesus offered freedom to those who would be willing to take up their cross and follow Him.

Freedom is found in Jesus Christ. We are to stand fast in this liberty (**Galatians 5:1**) and remember that we are "*called to liberty*" (**Galatians 5:13**). That freedom is found where the Spirit of the Lord is. "*And the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with our face having been unveiled, having beheld the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are being changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Lord Spirit*" (**2Corinthians 3:17-18**).

For Our

Information

Adene Gray is still having problems with dizziness.

Joyce Venable has had a rough week.

Theresa and John LaValla are visiting in Southaven, MS this weekend.

Dan & JoBeth will travel to Texas for her uncle's funeral on Monday.

Tonight we start our study in 1Samuel 14:47 at 5 pm.

Wednesday at 7 pm our study starts in Galatians 2:2.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

Freedom brings peace of mind to face the haunting darkness of death (**Philippians 4:7**). In Christ one has hope of eternal life that transcends the mortal flesh (**2Corinthians 5:1-1-8**). The plague of fleshly temptation will not be victorious to those who are free from sin (**Romans 6:12-22**). Paul and Silas were imprisoned in a Roman jail but they sang songs of freedom (**Acts 16:25**). Epictetus (60-140 A.D.) said, "*He whose body is chained, and his soul unbound, is free.*" There are no cords of imprisonment to children of God.

Freedom comes from the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ (**1John 1:7**). By His sacrifice we are no longer bound in the chains of sin. Our liberty is the everlasting hope of "*a pure river of Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb*" (**Revelation 22:1**). That is the greatest joy in our freedom. In the Spirit we find liberty and peace forever more.

(A most comforting result of the freedom we enjoy as children of God, for me, is peace of mind in this fast paced world of change in which we live. It seems both physical things and the attitudes of individuals are constantly changing before our eyes. Yet the stability and steadfastness of my relationship with God continues the same day in and day out. I know my Redeemer Lives and cares for me. I know eternal life is mine through freedom in Christ. DLH)



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