

REDEMPTION CHURCH

Mission 24 | Live in Freedom

OUR MISSION

We exist to help all people experience redemption, **live in freedom**, and become partners in the Gospel.

BIG POINT

Christian freedom is joyful, satisfying obedience to God.

Jesus taught that truth is the mechanism by which freedom is secured; while self-deception is the mechanism by which slavery reigns.

JOHN 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

In week 3 of our series, *Mission 24*, we look to answer the questions: what is Christian freedom, how do we live and walk in such freedom, and how does it affect us to be a free people?

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." ~John 8:31-38

Notes:

Because we now live in a postmodern (post-truth) world, freedom is a luxury. This means we need to do three things:

1. **Embrace the truth. We do this by:**
 - Abiding in Christ ([John 8](#)).
 - Reading and obeying God's Word ([James 1:22-25](#)).

We need to ask, are we deceiving ourselves –about our purity, our heart for Christ, and our patterns? [Philippians 4:8](#) The Jews wrongly believed their allegiance to Abraham would secure their freedom. How ironic! The people who've been enslaved since their inception "haven't been enslaved to anyone"? Of course they had!

2. **We need to reject lies and remember that we are already free** ([John 8:44](#)).
 - The lie of *antinomianism* –any view which rejects laws or legalism and argues against moral, religious

Romans 6:15-18

.....
What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

NOW WHAT?

We need to ask ourselves:

- Am I abiding in Christ and dependent upon the Spirit.
- Have I invited the Spirit to write God's law on my heart?
- Am I living without any condemnation of spiritual obligation, guilt, or shame?
- Am I joyfully bearing the fruit of the Spirit?

or social norms.

– The lie of self-esteem ([Matthew 16:24-26](#))

The enemy rampantly spreads his lies because *deception is the mechanism in which people are enslaved.*

- A. **Lie: Throw off the law** ([Romans 6:15-17](#)). Christian freedom doesn't mean that we aren't under any law, but we are now enslaved to Christ's law – it doesn't throw off the law, it abolishes the condemnation of the law. Only He can produce true freedom.

Jesus produces true freedom by enslaving us unto Himself, and writing His law on our hearts.

- B. **Lie: We can be free in Christ and remain as we are.**
[Colossians 3:5-11](#)

3. **Truth sets us free, so we need to walk in freedom.**
 – No condemnation ([Romans 8:1-2](#))
 – Joyful obedience ([Galatians 5:18-25](#))

Read what Paul writes in Romans 6:15-18. We can't confuse earthly freedom with spiritual freedom – one reigns over the other. Some 'enslavement' masquerades itself as 'freedom' and results in death.

Truth is the mechanism by which freedom is secured.

Everyone is a slave to something. *"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."* Jn 8:34; and 2 Peter 2:19, *"They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved."* So, we must ask, what controls us. Is it sin? Self? The enemy? Or, is it the Spirit?

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

Why is there no condemnation? Because the One who'd condemn us is the same One who has declared us free!

Conviction vs Condemnation

Conviction: when the Spirit prompts us to choose different behavior and reminds us of the new law written on our hearts.

Condemnation: when the enemy makes us think our salvation is incomplete or that our sin ashy caused God to turn His back on us.