

The Truth Shall Set You Free

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²¹ Then Jesus said to them again, “I am going away, and ^wyou will seek Me, and ^xwill die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come.”

²² So the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself, because He says, ‘Where I go you cannot come’?” ²³ And He said to them, ^y“You are from beneath; I am from above. ^zYou are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ ^aTherefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; ^bfor if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

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²⁵ Then they said to Him, “Who are You?”

And Jesus said to them, “Just what I ^chave been saying to you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but ^dHe who sent Me is true; and ^eI speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.”

²⁷ They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

²⁸ Then Jesus said to them, “When you ^flift ⁴up the Son of Man, ^gthen you will know that I am He, and ^hthat I do nothing of Myself; but ⁱas My Father taught Me, I speak these things. ²⁹ And ^jHe who sent Me is with Me. ^kThe Father has not left Me alone, ^lfor I always do those things that please Him.” ³⁰ As He spoke these words, ^mmany believed in Him.

John 8:21-36 (NKJV)

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you ⁿabide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the ^otruth, and ^pthe truth shall make you free.”

³³ They answered Him, ^q“We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

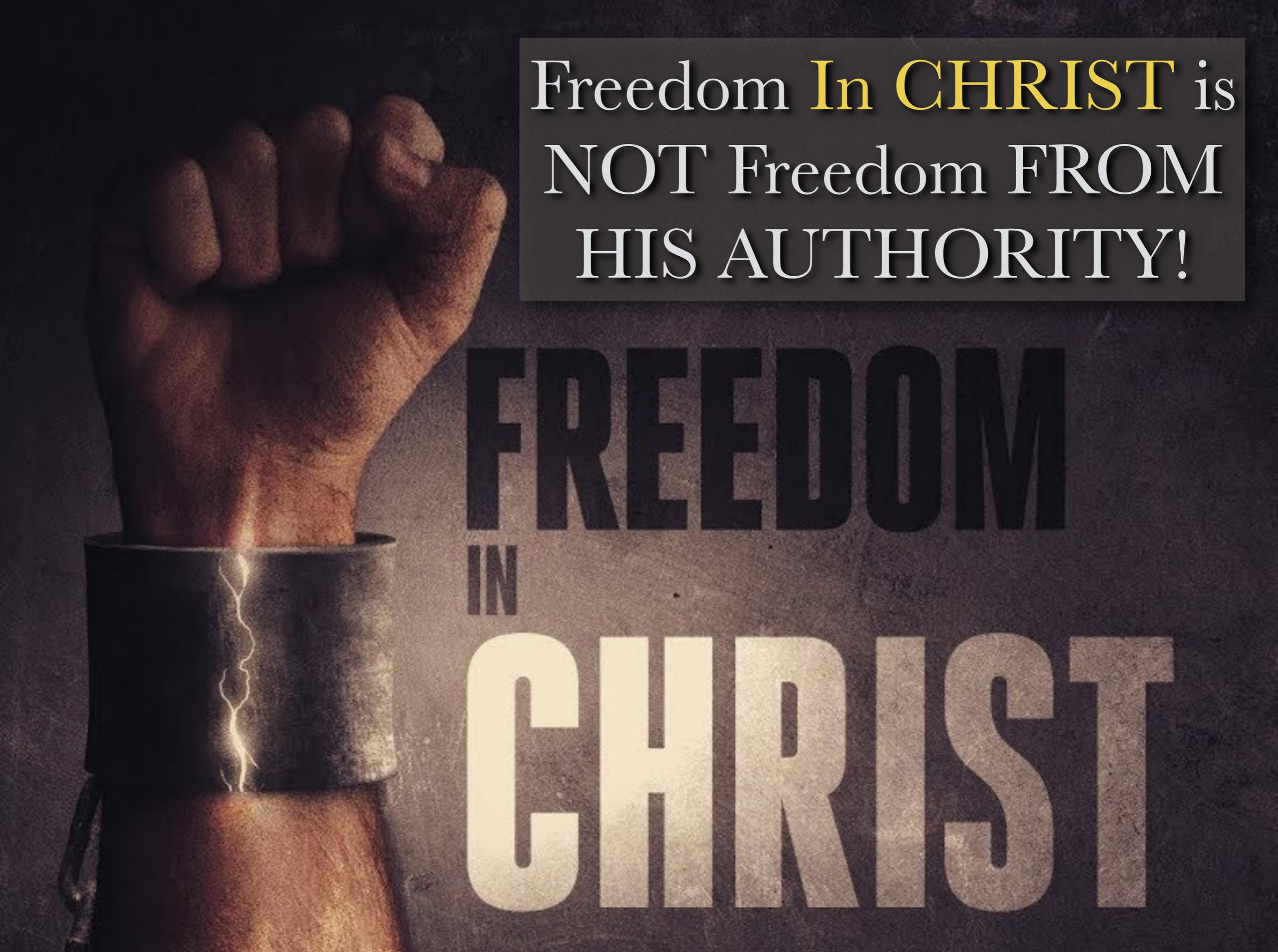
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Many Have A
Misconstrued
Understanding of
FREEDOM



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Freedom **In CHRIST** is
NOT Freedom FROM
HIS AUTHORITY!

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To Define: FREEDOM

Freedom is a grand ideal, but is always accompanied by some restrictive code of governance (Isa. 61:1-9; Gal. 5:1-7).

- ▶ **Anarchy vs. Order:** Unfettered freedom results in anarchy; responsible freedom leads to order (Judg. 17:6; 21:25; 1 Pet. 2:13-25).
- ▶ **Selfishness vs. Service:** Unfettered freedom results in selfishness; responsible freedom leads to service (1 Cor. 10:23-33; Gal. 5:13-15).
- ▶ **Slaves To Sin vs. Slaves of Righteousness:** Unfettered freedom results in slavery; Submission to Christ's authority results in salvation (John 8:31-38; 2 Pet. 2:17-3:2; Rom 6-8).

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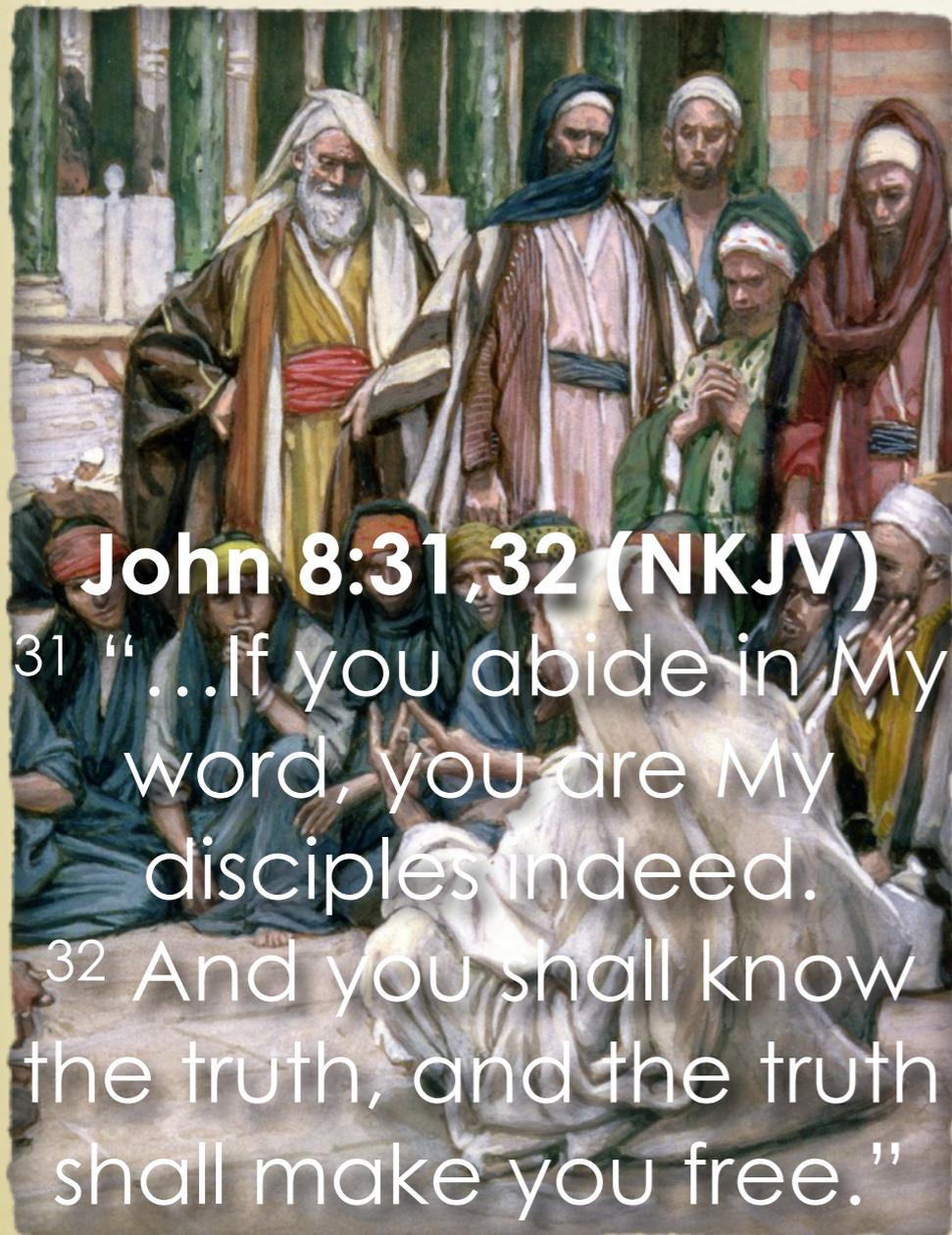
³¹ "...If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- ▶ **"If you abide in My word,"** — Freedom in Christ is conditioned on abiding in Jesus' teaching - 1:14,17; 6:45; 7:17; 14:6; 15:1-10; 16:13.
- ▶ **"You are My disciples indeed."** — consists of more than being a mere learner, one **MUST** follow the teachings of Jesus & imitate Him— Luke 6:40,46; 9:23-26; 57-62
- ▶ **"You shall know the truth"** — to know "The TRUTH" is to be equipped with what we need to be made free — Jer. 6:16; Jn 6:63-69; 14:6

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- ▶ "THE TRUTH shall make you **FREE**" from the **bondage of sin** - vss. 33-36; Is. 61:1; Ro. 6:14-18,22; 8:2,15; Ga. 5:1,13; 2 Ti. 2:25, 26. Ja. 1:25.
- ▶ This freedom is found only when we listen to Jesus' words & put them into practice - Jam 1:21,22;

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- ▶ More oppressive than any kind physical slavery is the spiritual slavery that comes from being a sinner! — 8:34
- ▶ Sin is personified as a cruel master. Paul used the same illustration (Rom. 6:15–23; Rom. 7:5-8:3; Gal 3:10-14) - (Compare 1 Jn 1:5-10; 3:4-9).

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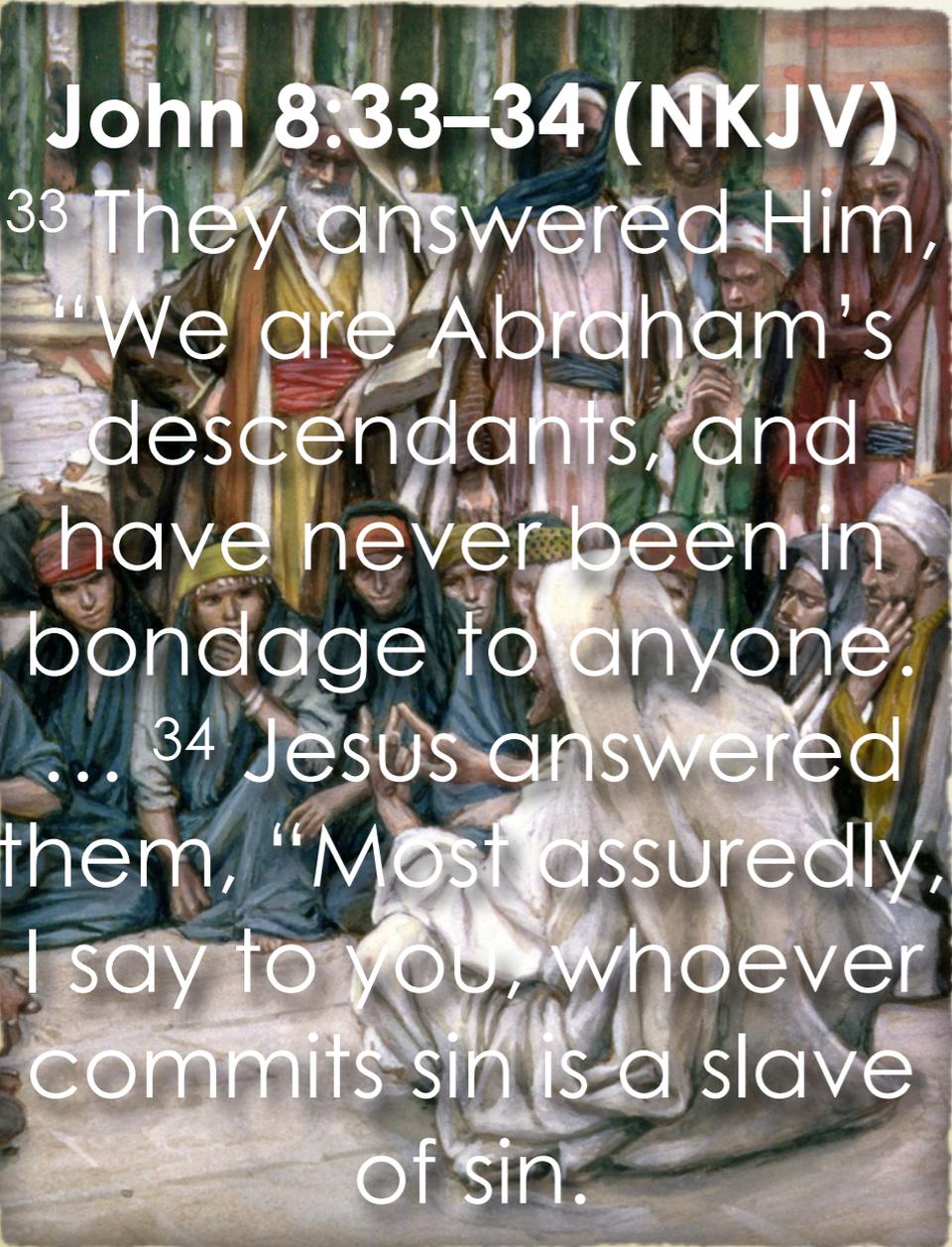
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- ▶ Bondage to **previous sins** — Gal. 3:10; Rom. 3:23
- ▶ Bondage to **habitual sin** — 2 Pet 2:12-16; Mat. 12:34;
- ▶ Bondage to the **consequences of sin** — Gal. 6:7-9; Isa. 59:1,2; Rom. 6:23; 7:24

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- ▶ We have all SINNED — (Rom. 3:23; Titus 3:1-4; etc.)
- ▶ THEREFORE we ALL Need to be set free from our sins — (Jn 8:24; cf. Rom 7:24)
- ▶ Which is IMPOSSIBLE apart from God’s unmerited provision of His “only begotten Son” — (Jn 3:15-18; Eph. 2:8.9; Titus 3:5)

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- ▶ Jesus came into the world to take away our sins, which was accomplished on the cross — (Jn 1:29; Is. 53:11; 1 Cor. 15:3; Gal. 1:4; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 John 2:2; Rev. 1:5)
- ▶ As God's Son, He invites all to come to Him — (Mt 11:28)
- ▶ The Son makes free all who come to Him and ABIDE in Him — (Rom :6:3-23; 8; Gal 3:26-4:7)

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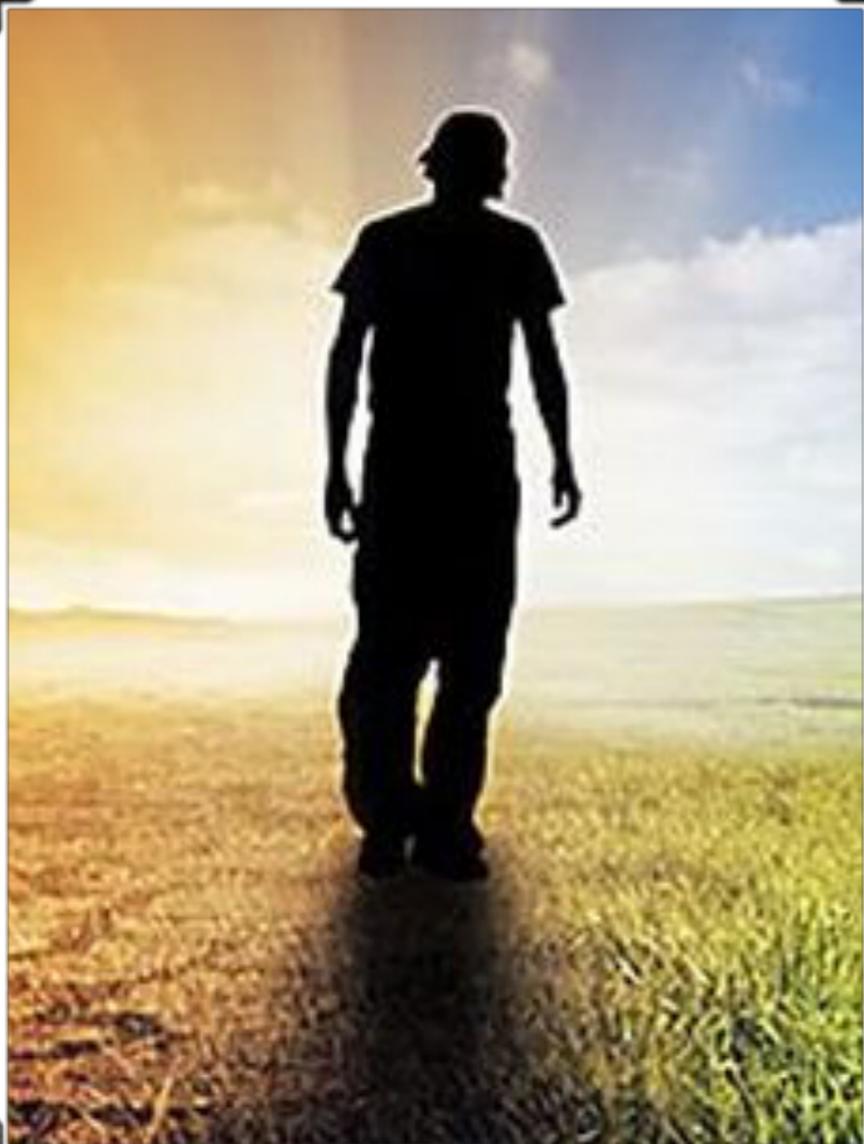
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³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- ▶ There is no freedom that can compare with being emancipated from the devil and set loose from the condemnation sin brings!
- ▶ Those who believe and are baptized into Christ are NO LONGER Slaves of Sin but FREED: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:1-7; Col. 2:12,13

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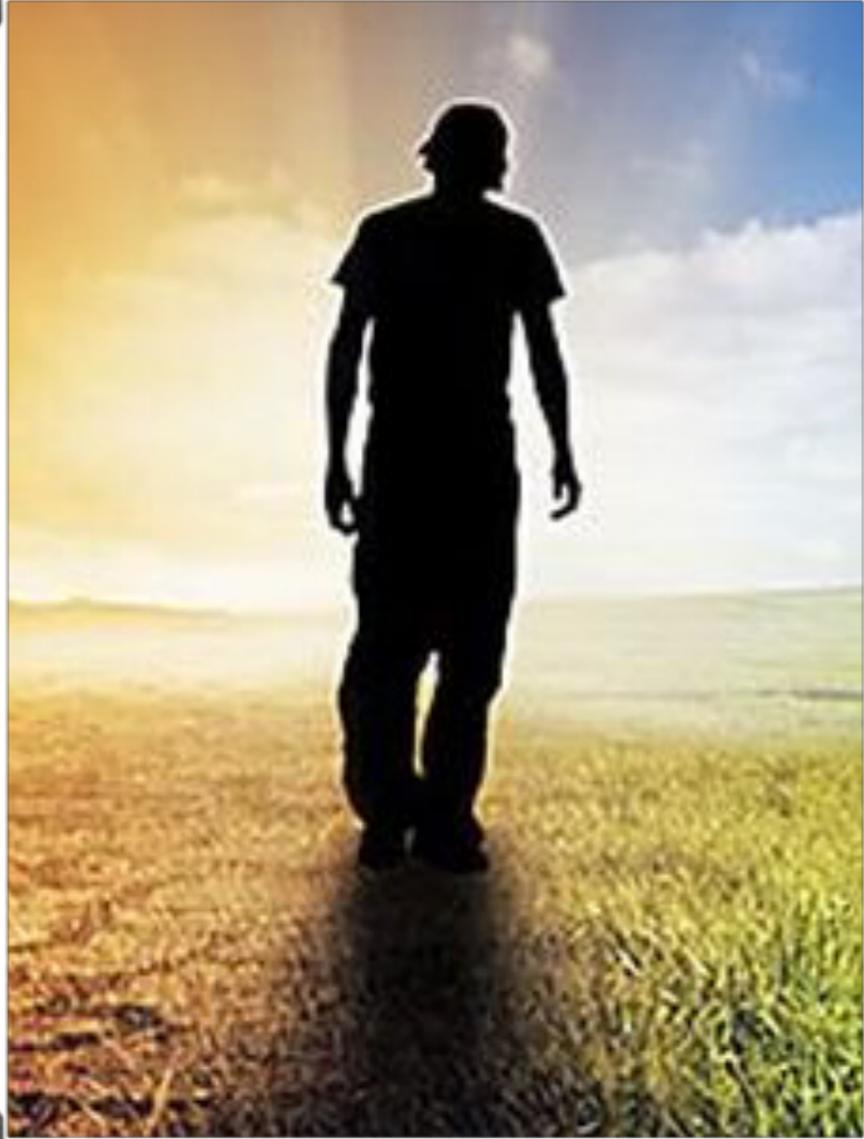
The Law of Liberty



- ▶ A Christian maintains his freedom from the devil by following after the perfect law of liberty — James 1:21-25;
- ▶ The law of the Spirit replaces a law of sin and death for those who WALK IN IT — Rom. 8:2
- ▶ We fulfill the law of Christ when we bear one another's burdens — Gal. 6:2; Rom. 6:18, 22

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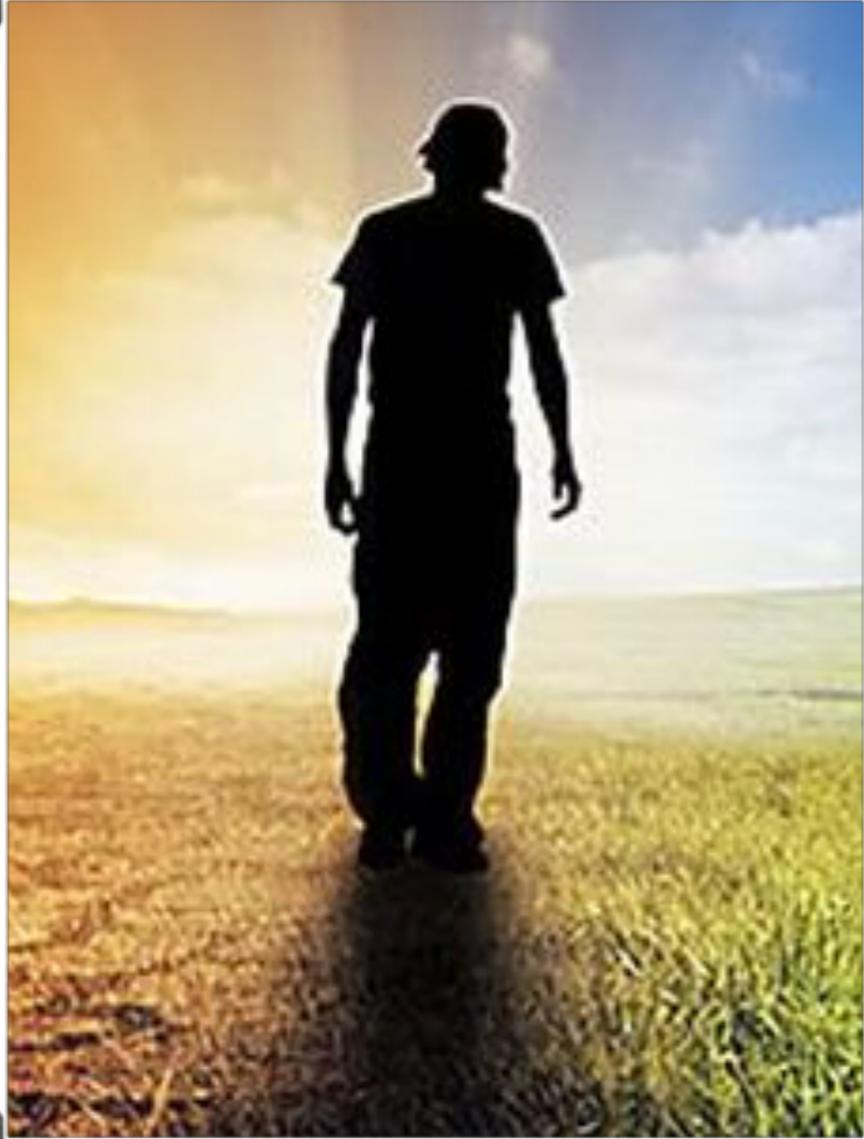
Galatians 5:1 (NKJV)

¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

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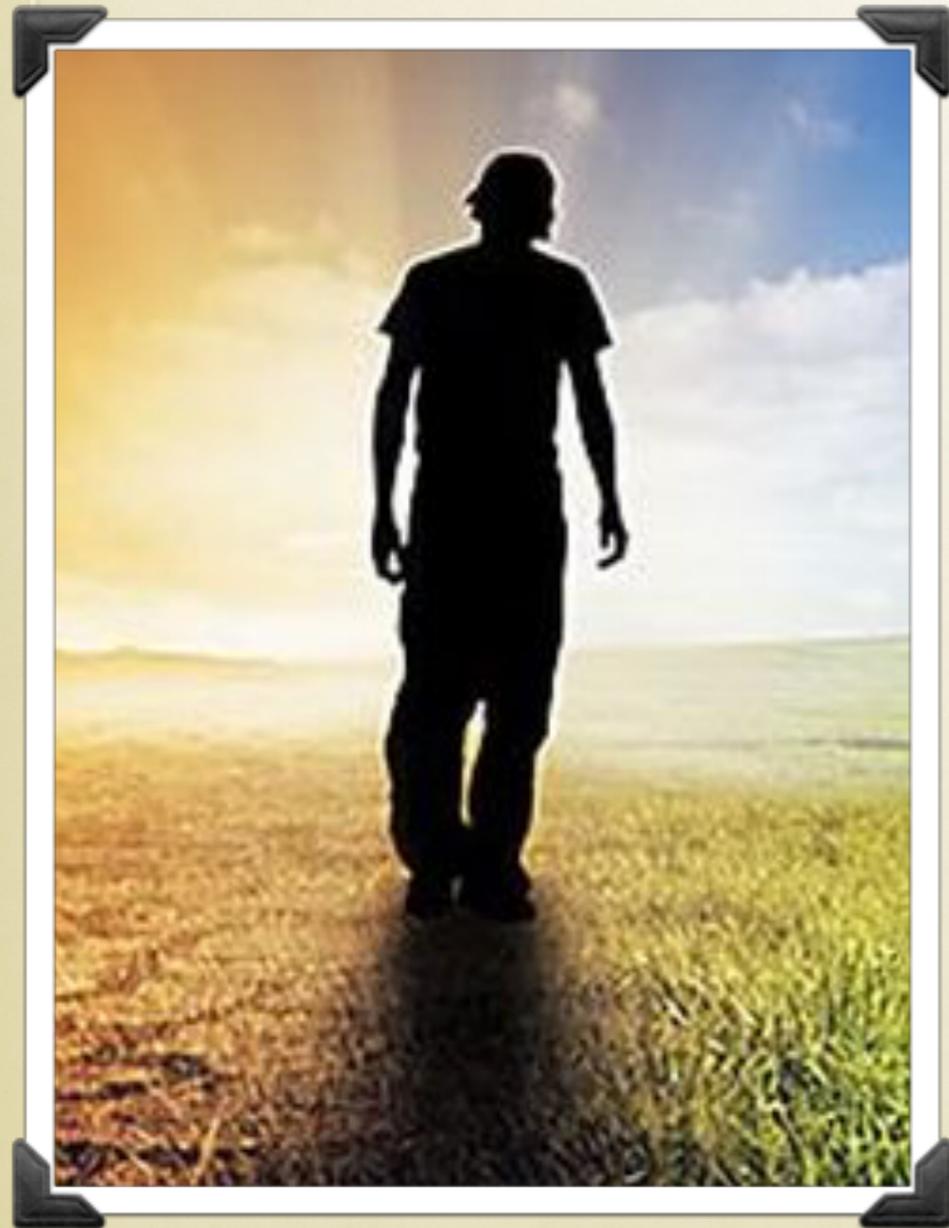
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Galatians 5:13 (NKJV)
13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.



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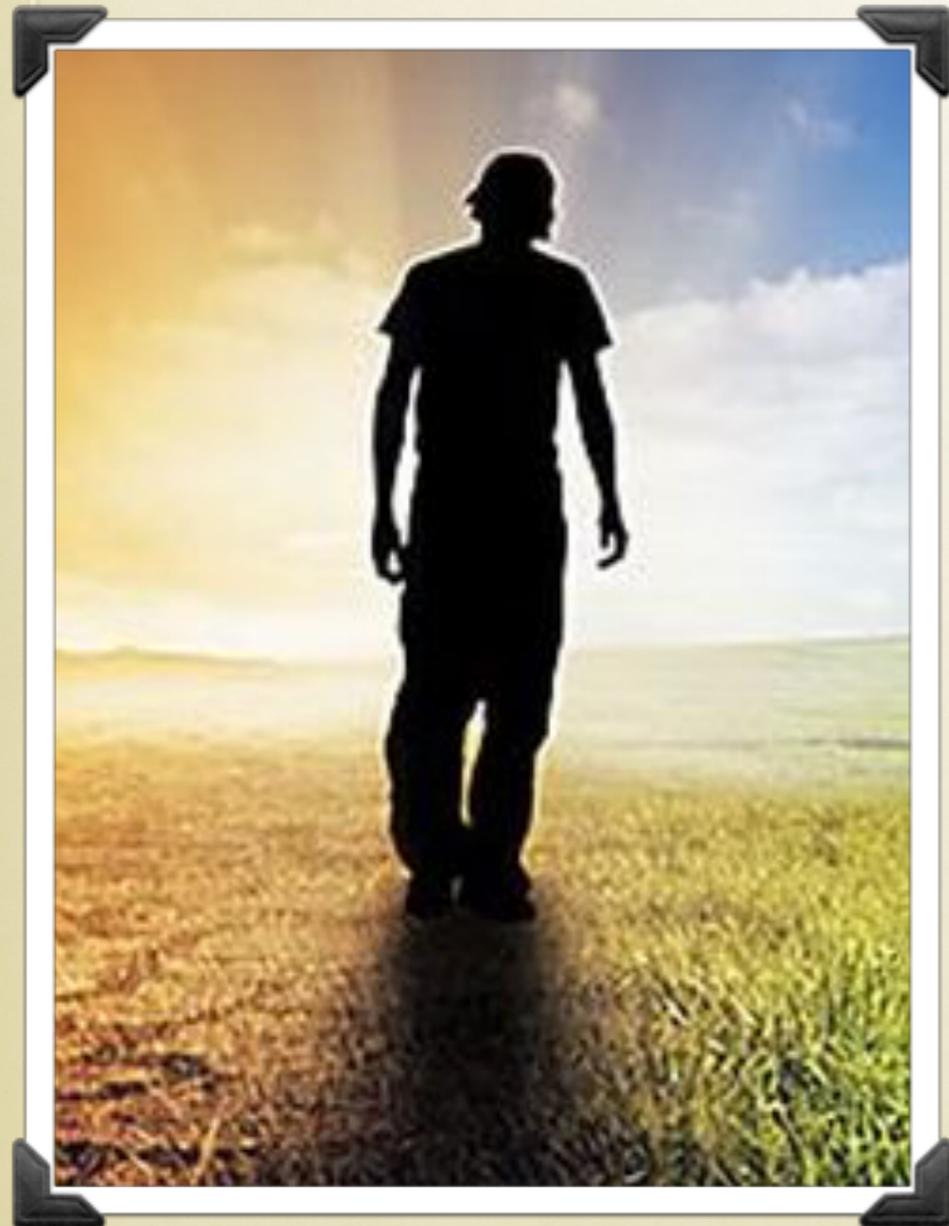
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- ▶ Have you **heard** the TRUTH? — Rom 10:17
- ▶ Do you **believe** Jesus is the Son of God? — Jn 8:24
- ▶ Will you **confess** Him? — Rom. 10:9,10; Matt. 10:32; Luke 12:8; Acts 8:37
- ▶ Will you **repent**? — Lk 13:5;
- ▶ Will you be **baptized**? — Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3

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- ▶ Have you been made free, but have since **turned back** to sin? — 2 Pet 2:19-22
- ▶ Will you **confess** your sins — 1 John 1:9,10; James 5:16-20
- ▶ Will you **repent**? — Acts 8:22-24

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YOU CAN BE FREE TODAY

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Isaiah 61:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ “The Spirit of the Lord God *is* upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³ To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”