

Created for Freedom

Accepting a New Message

Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

I. The Power to be Free

A. Freedom from _____

Ephesians 1:3-7 (NKJV)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as **He chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having **predestined us to adoption as sons** by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has **made us accepted in the Beloved**. ⁷ In Him **we have redemption** through His blood, **the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of His grace

1. Blessed us
2. Chosen us
3. Predestined us
4. Adopted us
5. Accepted us
6. Redeemed us
7. Forgiven us

Isaiah 53:3-5 (NIV)

³ **He was despised and rejected by men**, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Psalms 23:1 (NIV)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

B. Freedom from _____

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

1. Sin is universal

Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

2. God's objective is not condemnation

1 John 1:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

3. Power of repentance

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, **continue to live in him**, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Ephesians 4:14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, **we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head**, that is, Christ.

Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² **It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness** and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

C. Freedom from _____

1 Timothy 1:12-15 (NIV)

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. ¹³ **Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man**, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst.

Ephesians 1:7-8 (NIV)

⁷ **In him we have redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

1. Our adversary is an _____

Revelation 12:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For **the accuser of our brothers**, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

2. Become an _____

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

I believe you are the Son of God and the only way to God. You died on the cross for my sins, and You rose again from the dead. I repent of all my sins and I forgive others as I would have God forgive me.

I believe that You do accept me. Through Christ Jesus I am accepted, I am the object of your special care. You really love me. Heaven is my home. I am a member of the family of God. Thank you!

Today, I celebrate my freedom from any dark, evil spirit that took advantage of the pain in my life. Through the blood of Jesus I am free to live for the glory of my Lord.

In Jesus name, amen.

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