

# NO NEUTRAL GROUND

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Freedom from sin is never presented as an isolated condition, it's always experienced by walking in Righteousness. Let us look at how Scripture ties these together:

## **Freedom from Sin Through Faith in the Cross of Christ**

### **Romans 6:18**

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of Righteousness.

Paul doesn't stop at saying "You're free from sin." He immediately ties it to a new servanthood under Righteousness.

**THIS FREEDOM IS NOT NEUTRALITY**

**IT IS A TRANSFER OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **Romans 6:22**

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto Holiness, and the end everlasting life.

The result of Freedom from sin is Holiness, experienced by Faith in the active pursuit of Righteousness, which is Faith in the Cross of Jesus Christ.

The Inseparability of Freedom and Righteousness

### **Galatians 5:13**

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one

another.

Liberty in Christ is **NOT** a “free pass.” It is Freedom with direction which is expressed through Righteousness in Love.

**1 Peter 2:16**

As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

Freedom is always in the context of God’s Righteousness, never self-indulgence.

Freedom is always Anchored and found in Righteousness through Faith in the Cross of Christ.

**John 8:36**

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

But that “indeed” Freedom is explained just a few verses earlier in (John 8:31–32): continuing in His Word. This is Righteousness in practice.

**John 8:31-32**

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

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

Grace (God at work) not only frees us from sin but actively teaches us to live Righteously.

**Titus 2:11-12**

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

Scripturally, Freedom from sin always carries the active experience of pursuing Righteousness by Faith with the fruit thereof.

### **THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND**

If one isn't serving Righteousness, Paul says plainly in Romans 6:16 that they are serving Sin.

## **Freedom from Sin and Servants of Righteousness**

### **I. The Foundation: Freedom through the Cross**

#### **John 8:36**

If the Son therefore shall make you free, **YE SHALL BE** free indeed.

True Freedom is only found in Christ's work at the Cross.

Freedom is not just the release from guilt, but also the empowerment to live differently now expressing the Life of Jesus Christ.

#### **Romans 6:7**

For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Death with Christ brings Freedom; Resurrection Life is the fruit of Righteousness, and although this Resurrection Life belongs to every Blood bought Believer, they must be FOUND Believing in the Sacrifice of Christ so they can reckon themselves to be

dead indeed to that old Sin Nature, **THEN** alive unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 6:11** Likewise **reckon ye** also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **II. Freedom Is Never Neutral**

### **Romans 6:16**

Know ye not, that **TO WHOM YE YIELD YOURSELVES** servants to obey, **HIS** servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of **SIN** unto death, or of **OBEDIENCE** unto Righteousness?

Freedom is never independent. We serve either Sin or Righteousness. Both have fruit.

## **NEUTRALITY DOES NOT EXIST**

### **Romans 6:18**

Being then made free from sin, **ye became** the servants of Righteousness.

**Deliverance from sin equals entrance into Righteousness.**

## **III. Liberty with Purpose**

### **Galatians 5:13**

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Freedom in Christ always leads in loving service.

## **WITHOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS, LIBERTY IS MISUSED AS INDULGENCE**

### **1 Peter 2:16**

As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

**Freedom brings us under God's service, never lawlessness.**

### **IV. Freedom Produces Fruit**

#### **Romans 6:22**

But now **being made free** from sin, and **become servants** to God, ye have your **fruit unto Holiness**, and the end everlasting life.

The fruit of Freedom is Holiness.

The ultimate end is eternal life.

**Grace not only frees but instructs us in righteous living.**

#### **Titus 2:11-12**

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

### **V. The Righteous Path of Freedom**

#### **Psalm 119:45**

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

Liberty is experienced by walking in the Light of God's Word that reveals His blood cleansing and fruitful Way of Life and fellowship with Him.

**1 John 1:7-9**

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS THE  
EXPRESSION OF TRUE FREEDOM**

**Romans 8:2,4**

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

4 That the **Righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after/in the Spirit.

Freedom is found in the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit's mission is to fulfill Righteousness in the Believer.

Our spirit is alive because of Righteousness afforded us through the death of Jesus Christ.

**Rom 8:10**

And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of Righteousness.

Freedom from sin is not the end; it's the beginning. God frees us so that we can walk in Righteousness. To be "free indeed"

means to be delivered from sin's dominion in order to become fruitful servants of God, walking in Holiness, bearing fruit unto eternal life.