

# ARE YOU FREE?

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## INTRODUCTION

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- A. Where the Galatians were when the Gospel arrived.
    - 1. Little back ground of people and country.
    - 2. Would have led to all kinds of idolatry.
    - 3. Resulted in bondage.
  - B. BONDAGE OF: Idea of Slavery....Kinds of Bondage
    - 1. Ignorance
    - 2. Idolatry....The control of pagan deities.
    - 3. Sin....Satan
    - 4. DEATH
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## BONDAGE – FREEDOM

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- A. BONDAGE: Often compared to the bondage of Israel to Egypt.
    - 1. Exodus 1:14.
    - 2. Exodus 13:3 “Ye came out of the house of bondage”.
  - B. FREEDOM: Follow the same comparison.
    - 1. It was easy to comprehend freedom when viewed this way.
    - 2. Rom. 8:21 “We have been delivered”
  - C. ABSOLUTE DIFFERENCE:
    - 1. Point being made was the absolute difference between a bondsman and a freeman.
    - 2. Being a Slave — or being Free
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## CHRIST GIVEN

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- A. CHRIST GAVE US FREEDOM:
    - 1.
    - 2.
  - B. FREEDOM FROM:
    - 1. Romans 6:18-22 READ
    - 2. Ignorance.
    - 3. Idolatry
    - 4. Death
  - C. FREEDOM TO BE or TO DO
    - 1. Live for God.
    - 2. Live Righteous
    - 3. To become a child of God.
    - 4. Gal. 6:10; James 2 We are Free to do Real Good.
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## COMPLETE FREEDOM

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### A. CAN'T BE JUST A LITTLE FREE.....AND A LITTLE BONDAGE!

1. Gal. 5:9
2. History of the use of leaven in the New Testament.

### B. A Servant Cannot Belong To and Serve Two Masters.

1. "His servant ye are whom ye obey" (Rom. 6:15-18).
2. One can no more live a physical life, being both bond and free (the idea is contradictory) than he can live a life both in righteousness and sin at the same time.

### C. THE CHOICE OF JOSHUA.

1. Must choose the one we will serve.
  2. Christ made possible for us to choose!
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## DANGER!!!

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### A. From the several warnings given, it is obvious that the misuse and wrong idea about freedom became a problem for some.

1. To equate spiritual freedom with physical freedom.
2. Or spirit free...no concern with what the body did.
3. Therefore many went into uncontrolled sin.

### B. I Cor. 7:21:

1. Freedom in Christ does not necessarily change our situation in life.
2. Bond-servant did not automatically become free.
3. Look at case of Philemon and Onesimus.

### C. I Peter 2:16.

1. Don't try to hide your actions behind a shield of claimed freedom.
2. "God is only interested in my soul...He doesn't care what my body does."
3. "I am in Christ and His blood covers...makes it impossible for God to see my sin.

### D. Galatians 5:13.

1. Use it correctly...for profit of the soul.
  2. Serve others.
  3. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self."
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## HOW MADE FREE?

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### A. HOW DID CHRIST MAKE US FREE?

1. By taking our place. Romans 5:8.
2. By dying on the Cross (Eph. 2:12,13; John 3:16; Rom 5.)
3. By conquering death (I Cor. 15:50-58.)
4. By paying the price....REDEEMED
  - a. *In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, (Eph. 1:7).*
  - b. *In whom we have our redemption the forgiveness of our sins (Col. 1:14). (see also Gal. 3:12; Rom. 3:24)*

### B. WHEN - AT WHAT POINT DO WE BECOME FREE?

1. Must be born again (John 3:3-5.)
2. “*loosed us from our sins by his blood*” (Rev. 1:7).
3. Acts 2:38 ....for the remission of sins.
4. In Christ.....a NEW creature (II Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:3,4).
  - a. Enter Christ (Gal. 3:26,27.)
  - b. Romans 6:3.....baptized into Christ.

### C. ARE YOU FREE??

1. Don't lose your freedom.
2. Can go back into world (II Peter 2:20-22.)

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