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Living In Freedom

Spiritual Freedom In Christ Is The Ability To Obey God And Choose His Will For Our Lives

You Have Freedom From The Bondage Of Sin and Legalism

John 8:32, 34-36 - *"I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.*

1 John 3:19-20 - *Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. ²⁰ Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.*

Our Confidence Is Rooted In Christ, Not Performance

Romans 8:1- *So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.*

Our Job As Followers Of Christ Is To Not Let Anything Enslave Us Again

Inner Discipline Of The Spirit Is Far Better Than The Outer Discipline Of Religiosity

A Surrendered Believer Finds Joy By Walking In The Spirit Knowing Christ Fulfilled The Law

Romans 8:2-4 - *And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.*

Galatians 5:1, 5-6, 13-14 - *So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law...⁵ But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. ⁶ For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love. ¹³ For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your*

freedom to serve one another in love. ¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

1. **Trusting In Our Own Works.**
2. **Doubting Christ's Power To Deal With Our Sin.**

Matthew 9:2 - Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven."

Matthew 9:13 - "...I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Matthew 11:28 - Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest

Luke 19:10 - For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

John 16:33 - "...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Galatians 5:5 - But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the hope of righteousness.

We Wait For God To Grow His Righteousness In Us...Through The Spirit

Hebrews 9:28 - Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Only Thing That Counts Is Faith Expressing Itself Through Love

Luke 7:47 - ...a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.

Our Love For Others As A Way To Monitor Our Faith In General