

You Are Free **John 8:31-36**

Main Point:

Don't act like a slave when you are free in Christ.

1. In Christ, you are free from sin.

2. In Christ, you are free from the devil.

3. In Christ, you are free from works-righteousness.

Isaiah 61:1 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; (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle “The noblest liberty is that which is the property of the true Christian. Those only are perfectly free people whom the Son of God ‘makes free’.”

Romans 8:1-2 1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus ... 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. (NKJV)

Romans 6:17-18 17 But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin ... 18 [you have] been set free from sin ... (NKJV)

WSC 35 Q. What is sanctification? A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Revelation 21:27 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (NKJV)

Romans 6:12 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. (NKJV)

John Gill “That liberty which sinful men promise themselves in sin, is all deceit; there is no true, solid, substantial freedom but what is by Christ, the Son of God.”

2 Timothy 2:26 26 ... *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will. (NKJV)

James 4:7 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (NKJV)

Thomas Watson “To serve God, to love God, to enjoy God, is the sweetest freedom in the world.”

Galatians 2:16 16 ... A man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ ... (NKJV)

Galatians 5:1 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. (NKJV)

Matthew 11:28-30 28 Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.” (NKJV)

Matthew Henry “It is ... our duty to stand fast in this liberty, constantly and faithfully to adhere to the gospel ... ”