

## ARE WE REALLY FREE?

### John 8:32-36

**Introduction:** America has been known as "the land of the free" for a long, long time. People have migrated to this land from all over the world in order to be "free." Our troops have served all over the world helping to "free" others from enslavement of all sorts. When Martin Luther King, Jr. held rallies and peaceful marches in cities of our country, he finally shouted words to the effect of "free at last, thank God we are free..." Freedom is something our country has stood for since its existence but in actual reality we are not free. There is an enslavement, a fear that every American, by which we are all entrapped.

### I. WE ARE ALL IN BONDAGE

1. We are under the curse of God's law.
  - God's law requires perfect, perpetual obedience.
  - God's law brings a curse for each violation (Galatians 3:10)
  - How many times have you violated God's law?
  - We are all, without exception guilty of breaking God's law and are under His curse.
  
2. We are under the power of sin.
  - Sin infects the body and soul like a consuming disease.
  - Who will dare say, "I have no sin, I have never broken God's law"?
  - Romans 7:14, 15, 223
  - When faced with the truth, do not all of us cry as Paul, "O wretched man that I am..."
  
3. We are under the tyranny of Satan.
  - Many try to deny that there even is a Satan.
  - Ephesians 2:21 states that God says our wickedness is of Satan.
  
4. We are under the fear of death.
  - Who has the so called "battlefield fearlessness?"
  - All around us are those watching death creep up, even some of us are just waiting for it.
  - Who does not think of death? Who thinks of seeing loved ones grow sick and death is coming for them? Who dares laugh at death?
  
5. We are enslaved, we are not free.
  - We are enslaved to the curse of God's law.
  - We are enslaved to the power of sin.
  - We are enslaved to the tyranny of Satan.
  - We are enslaved to the fear of death.
  - Can we ever be free of our enslavements?

## II. WE ARE IN BONDAGE BUT WE CAN BE FREE

1. Our attempts to free ourselves are useless.
  - We cannot satisfy our breach of God's law.
    - What can do away with our sins?
    - Hebrews 10:4, 11, 12, 14
  - We cannot renew or cleanse our own hearts.
    - We can't even think about Jesus.
  - We cannot resist Satan's attacks. Only God has more power than Satan.
    - Only God provides adequate protection (Ephesians 6:11, 13)
  - We cannot remove the sting of death.
    - What can we do? Where can we hide? Cannot ignore it.
  - We must admit, confess that it's just not within us to free ourselves.
    - To whom do we go? Who has the power to really make us free?
2. Jesus, the Son of God, is able and willing to make us totally free.
  - He came for the purpose of freeing us.
  - He took the law's curse for us, paid our penalties, bought us, freed us.
  - Jesus Christ with holds freedom from no one.

## III. TOTAL, COMPLETE FREEDOM COMES ONLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

1. Jesus Christ frees from ALL bondage.
  - The curse of God's law no longer claims us.
  - Sin's enslavement of us will be cast down and we will never be enslaved again.
  - Satan must yield to Jesus for *..greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world."*
  - Death no longer has its' sting, no more need to fear it. We can actually look forward to it.
2. Jesus Christ will show us how to really be free.
  - He will live within all who call upon Him and trust Him with their total existence.
  - He will take our burdens away from us, will walk with us and will lead us into eternity.

## CONCLUSION:

1. How wonderful is Jesus Christ our Savior.
  - He will free all who call upon Him.
  - There is no price for us to pay.
  - It is His joy to free and save us.
2. Without Jesus Christ one is still enslaved with no hope of ever being free.
  - It is not Jesus' fault than a single soul dies still enslaved.
  - It is sad that people die enslaved to their sins and liking it all the way to Hell.
  - Today is the day you can be totally, entirely free. Look to Jesus.