

# GOD IS FREE

Isaiah 40:13-14

**Introduction:** What does a 500-pound gorilla do? **Anything he wants to.** When we talk about God perhaps the joke about the gorilla will help us understand that God can do anything He wants:

- **God cannot be hindered:** there is no way we can mess up His plans.
- **God cannot be restricted:** there is no way to enclose God or create a situation where He can't do what is correct.
- **God cannot be controlled:** Abraham was pushing his luck in his bargaining with God about Sodom and Gomorrah. There is no way that we can force or control God. We cannot get God into trouble with our prayer life either.

**God can do literally anything He wants to!**

## I. GOD HAS PLACED UPON MAN CERTAIN LIMITS

1. Government, and the laws that come with government are ordained by God (Ro. 13:1).
2. Natural laws of nature control to a point. None of us can flap our arms and fly...
3. Conscience sets certain limits upon us. Our conscience just won't let us do some things.
4. Marriage sets certain limits upon us.
5. Economic and geographical limits hamper our activities..we cannot afford to do some things and where we live can hamper our activities.

## II. GOD HAS GIVEN THE BELIEVER MORE FREEDOM/RESTRAINT THAN THE LOST

1. The believer can have fellowship with God in prayer and God shares the believer's burdens as well as give help and counsel.
2. The believer has the Word of God that gives freedom from guilt. But it also gives the believer a certain set of restrictions that the lost do not have.
3. The believer has church leadership over him/her that may set some restrictions on certain activities.
4. The Lord, His Word and His Will also set some limits on the believer.

## III. GOD DOES WHAT HE WANTS TO DO

1. God has chosen to limit Himself in some ways for our benefit:
  - He operates within the laws of nature for the most part.
  - He has locked himself into completing that which He started with man in the garden.
  - He has limited Himself to work within time.
  - He has limited Himself in the area of working through man to spread the Word of Salvation.

2. The freedom of God is the believer's guarantee that what God has said will come to pass.
3. God can do as He pleases in the Church: gives gifts, looks, brains, money, personality, homes, cars, abilities, etc...as He pleases.
4. God decides to take some believers home much sooner in life than others. **It is His choice, not ours.**
5. God can change any of the attributes or talents that you have: hair, looks, money, personality, etc.
6. God can never become indebted to us. He does as He chooses. No matter how great you are, He is not obligated to bless you or do anything for you.

### **CONCLUSION**

1. God can do as He pleases. God can do as He wants. God can do as He desires.
2. God knows all there is to know and isn't going to change His mind because He just discovered something He didn't know before.
3. God is totally conscious of each of us and that should give us peace about who we are. God made us and we are exactly what God wanted us to be..tall, short, etc.....
4. God is totally free, we are the ones that are not free! Let us stop trying to conform God to our image. God is not who or what we think Him to be..We cannot grasp nor begin to understand who God is. Let us rejoice that He is the God He is and that He loves each of us dearly.