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What is Freedom?

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Freedom is not the opportunity to do what you want, but the power to do what is right.

1. What we want is not always right.
2. What we want is not always good for us.
3. What is right is always good for us.

Right is determined by God.

Right is based on God's unchanging character.

God is the creator of life, therefore, right living leads to life.

God has given us His Holy Spirit to live in us and to empower us to live right so that we can have life. Not just life eternal, but life right now.

In all of life and every area of our lives we are either aligning ourselves with God and His blessings or we are rejecting God and missing His blessings. Every area of our life that is not submitted to God and His ways is an area that we are not free!

Freedom only comes from following God and His ways.

So if freedom is not the opportunity to do what you want to do, but the power to do what is right... How do you get this power?

The Holy Spirit is the power in us to do what is right.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

When we begin to live according to the flesh and not the spirit we fall right back into bondage to sin.

Galatians 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

To be a slave to sin results in death, to be a slave to righteousness results in life.

Proverbs 21:21 Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

Romans 6:22-23 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Freedom: the power to do what is right.

What is right is God's will.
What is right is walking in God's ways.
What is right is difficult to always do because of our selfish nature.
What is right always leads to life.

True freedom only comes from walking in the Holy Spirit.
The Holy Spirit empowers us to do what is right.

Truth sets us free

John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**If freedom comes from truth, than bondage comes from lies.
Living in truth is freedom. Living in a lie is bondage.**

Deliver us from evil (Matthew 6:13, KJV)

Evil: poneros—the entire curse of sin upon mankind
Poneros came from a root word ponos—pain, sickness
Ponos came from a root word penes—poor

Jesus taught us to pray to the Father to deliver us from...

Evil—sin
Pain—sickness
Poor—poverty

Freedom comes from God's complete redemption of our lives body, soul and spirit.

SHALOM: nothing missing, nothing broken.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.