

Living Godly Lives

Part 3 – The Truth About Freedom

Free To Choose

- Freedom comes from God – Gen. 1:26-27
- Freedom of choice is not without consequences
 - Seen in Adam/Eve and Cain/Abel – Gen. 3:1-3, 6; 4:3-6
 - Seen in the choice presented to the Israelite nation – Deut. 30:19-20
 - Seen in the choice offered us today – Matt. 7:13-14
- The choice we make affects our freedom!

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- True freedom:
 - Is not absence of restrictions but submitting to life-giving restrictions placed upon us by God.
 - Is living as our Creator has revealed in His word for us to live.
- Your authentic, true self will only be found by living according to God's will for you!

What God Says About Freedom

- Lack of restrictions or restraint results in slavery – Jn. 8:34; 2 Pet. 2:18-19; Rom. 1:26-32
- Real freedom does not come from within, but from God – Jer. 10:23; Jn. 8:31-32, 35-36
- Freedom is found in **servitude!**
 - We are free to serve God and others – 1 Peter 2:11-12, 15-16; 1 Cor. 9:19-21
 - We are free to become God's slaves resulting in life – Romans 6:15-23
- Is pure freedom real or an illusion?

Why Not Choose to Serve God?

- In Christ you are not just a slave, but a child and heir of God – Gal. 4:4-7
- When you serve God, Jesus, God's Son, is your friend – Jn. 15:14
- As Christ's friend your service is not one of drudgery, but a willingly sacrifice resulting in joy and eternal life – 1 Pet. 1:3-9