

LIVING FREED

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INTRODUCTION

Freedom men prize as a natural desire of their spirit

Freedom in regard to God's will

Freedom in regard to sin

I. FREEDOM FROM LAW

A. Objective: free from the necessity of personal perfection

1. Free from the Law of Moses

a. As a codification that has jurisdiction over our behavior

Colossians 2:13-14: the Law was nailed to the cross.

Romans 7:1-6: by identifying with Christ, we die and pass from under the jurisdiction of a law governing a nation of this world.

b. Free from the perfection requirement of law: Galatians 3:10 < Deuteronomy 27:26 LXX

Freedom from law does not mean freedom from expectancies; personal relationships have expectancies too. It means freedom from the necessity of personal perfection in such matters.

2. Not free from the “law” of Christ: 1 Corinthians 9:20-21

If we are in a right-turn lane when we want to go straight, we are out of sync with reality. We do not feel that frustration when we want to turn right in that right-turn lane. That is the difference that living according to God’s teaching brings to us.

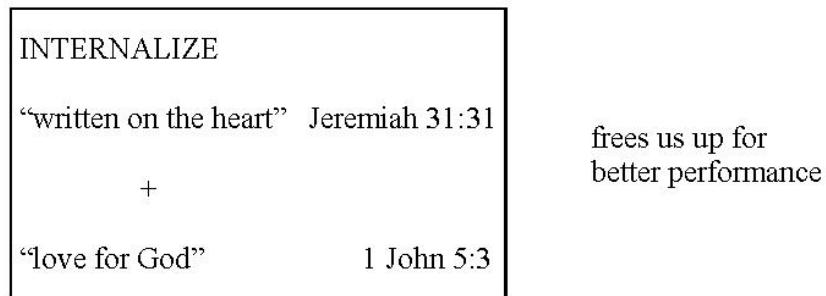
B. Subjective: free from the necessity of external compulsion

Jeremiah 31:31-34 + 2 Corinthians 3:2-6a

INTERNALIZING & PERSONALIZING

1 John 5:3

Romans 6:17: obey from the heart



II. FREEDOM FROM SIN

A. Objective: freedom from the guilt of sin

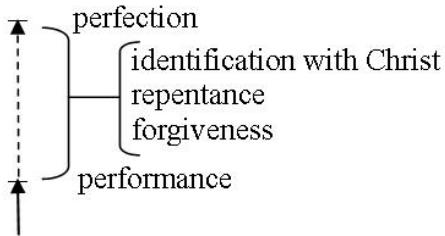
1. Hebrews 10:4-10: Christ's provision is “*once for all time.*”

1 John 1:7: “*The blood of Jesus God’s Son cleanses us from all sin.*”

2. Ephesians 1:7: We have salvation by identification with him in Christ.

3. Repentance + forgiveness: The past cannot be removed, but the past can be removed from affecting present relationships.

Repentance separates me from my past as far as I am concerned.
Forgiveness separates me from my past as far as the other person is concerned.



B. Subjective: freedom from the sense of guilt (conscience)

Hebrews 10:1-2

We are changed from disfellowship to fellowship.

We are given a permanent status because we are reconciled into a personal relationship. When people reconcile, there is no thought as to how long; it is presumably permanent. Like marriage, it does not have to be renewed periodically.

We have it as long as we do not “divorce” ourselves from him.

We are saved from sin, not sins: state vs. acts. “Sin” is the state of separation; sins are individual acts with their individual consequences.

We are saved from sin, not from sinning.

CONCLUSION

- A. Freedom in reality
- B. Freedom from law
- C. Freedom from sin

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