**Freedom for all in Jesus Christ**

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**Sermons series**

1. **Sermon one**: Freedom in Jesus Christ

* The focus passages: **Gal 5:13-26; Rom 8:1-8; Acts 15:1-21**

There are two freedoms:

1. The freedom of the flesh and
2. The freedom of life.

The freedom of flesh is bound by human laws while the freedom of life is bounded in Jesus Christ through love one another and fulfilled His commandments (Gal 5:13-15).

* In Galatians 5:13-15 is talked about the nature of this freedom that is in Jesus Christ
* In Gal 5 verses 16: telling us that, we should walk according to the Spirit of God not to the lust of flesh
* In Gal 5 verses 17-18, both desires, the flesh and the Spirit are contrary to each other.
* In the vs 19-21 telling us what the desires of flesh are!
* In vs22 talking about the desires of the Spirit are!
* In vs24-26, how those who belong to Jesus Christ should be in contrary to those who are of the world
* In Romains 8:3-8 is about what God has done to weaken this law of flesh through Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are no longer be bound by the law of the flesh but of the Holy Spirit. If we are still practice such the things of flesh, we cannot inherit the Kingdom of God
* In Book of Acts 15, verse one through 21 is about the actual story about the law of the flesh
  + The confusion started when God did wonderful things through Paul and Barnabas in Gentiles (Acts 14:8-18).
  + The devoted Jews from Antioch and Iconium came to Lystra and enticed crowd to kill Paul because of the miracles that had happening in Gentiles and Jews (Acts 14:19-23)
  + After Paul and Barnabas came back to Antioch and reporting what a wonderful God has done in Gentiles as they have received Christ (Acts 14:26-27), These group of devoted Jews of the law went to those who accepted Christ and told them “unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved (Acts 15:1)”.
  + As the problem was a most confusing situation, Paul and the other church elders were sent to the Apostles at Jerusalem to report about this and the debate was so great (Acts 15:6-21)
  + Apostle Peter rejected the idea of this human law and acknowledge that salvation is being receive by faith in Jesus Christ and human doctrine (Acts 15:7-11).
  + The conclusion was given by James that, Gentiles should not be endangered by the circumcision law but warning them to be abstained from polluted things such as idols sacrifices, sexual immorality and the bloody things (Acts 15:19-21)

**What are the laws of flesh and its desires?**

They are the things that to be seen: cleanness of the body such circumcisions and washing hands, pleasure of the flesh such adultery, fornication, uncleanness, self-ambitions, drunkenness, envy and murders, heresies, hatred and jealousy etc. (Gal 5:19-21).

**What are the laws of flesh and its desires?**

The laws of the Spirit are:

Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5:22-23)

In conclusion

Do we choose to be of the flesh’s desires or to be of the Spirit of God?

We have totally convinced that the desires of the flesh are bringing dead (Gal 5:19-21; Rom 8:3-8, 13; 6:21) and the desires of the things of the Spirit of God is life that bear freedom and lasting peace (Gal 5:1, 13, 22; Rom 5:1; 8:1-8) that is in Jesus Christ.

To be a people of the Spirit’s desires, we must fulfil the law of the Spirit thus love one another and all His commandments (Lev 19:18; Gal 5:13-15, 22; 6:2; Rom 8:1-8; Math 19:19; Jn 13:34-35).

Therefore, if we life by the Spirit, the law of the flesh and its desires would no longer have power over us (1Tim 1:9; Gal 5:16, 24; Rom 6:6; 7:5).

As we live according to the Spirit, let we walk according the Spirit and the deceptive of the flesh (Gal 5:16, 25-26; Phil 2:3-5;)

1. **Sermon two**: Love, compassion & call of God
   1. **Focus passages**: Isa 55:1-8 or Math 11:28; 9:36; Luke 15:11-24

**What is love?**

- Love is dearest, sweetheart, honey

- Love in Greek: **Agape**, means, goodwill, esteem (honor or respect), love feasts, friendship, natural affection

-Love is something that hold on something and understand about it

-Love accompany with faith that is hopping the things to come

-There is a motional love: company with compassion (Deut 6:5; Rom 12:9-16) and

- There is mentally or reasoning love: First, be aware about something before love taking place (eg. Between woman & Man)

**What compassion?**

- Compassion in Greek means, (**esplanchnisthe**) pity, compassion, to feel pity, move in pity (misfortune or feel sorrow)

-Compassion move you to do something; it is a concern, kindness, consideration, care, kind-heartedness to others (Acts 3:6-8; Math 9:36-38)

-Both love and compassion are concurrently go together

-Ruth 1:6-22; Luke 15:11-24

- Here is the calling of the Father, God of who is the father of Love (1Jn 4:16; Eph 3:18) that would be found in the book of Isaiah 55:1-8; Matt 11:28.

- In conclusion, our God is loving, compassion, merciful God who is calling us to lift off all burdens and give us all needs for our lives (Isa 55:1-8; Math 11:28)

1. **Sermon three:** God is Truth, hold on the Truth otherwise Truth will catch you up!
   1. **The focus passages:** Gen 42:6-23; 1kg 22:13-28; Prov 12:17; Jn 4:23-24; Rom 1:18-29; Eph 1:13
   2. **What is the truth in natural scene?**

* If you do not speak the truth, truth will speak out. In Genese 42: 6-23, Joseph had sold because he had dreamt that his brothers vowed before him. In v6 and vs22-23 we have seen that the facts were occurred are revealed. The brothers vowed before Joseph in verse 6, and verses 21-23 the guilty of the truth has come to pass.
* In the 1kg 22:13-28 was the story about prophet Micaiah and the king Ahab of Judah. Micaiah was requested by the king Ahab to prophecy according to the king’s wish and God’s opinion, but Micaiah stand on the truth than other prophets who prophesies according to king’s favor (1kg 22:13-16, 26-28)
* The wrath of God is revealed to those who unrighteousness and live on liar (Rom 1:18-29)
* The gospel of John 4: 23-24 says, “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth”. So, if we not abide in truth, we will be the children of liar (Jn 8:44; 1Jn 4:20-21).
* Prov 12:17 says, “whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit”.
* If we do not speak truth, truth will catch up us.

1. **Sermon four: - No Human is Bad but bad come by choosing it!**

The focus passages: **Rom 7:15-18; 14:22; Luke 11:48; Deut 30:11-19; Gal 5:3-4, 19-21)**

* The indwelling human power is determining who you are in the faces of men **(Rom 7:15-18)**

In the book of Deuteronomy chapter says “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.

It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’

Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’

But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it” **(Deut 30:11-14).**

* Your future is governing by the choice you made **(Deut 30:15-19)**
* The law of sin is human fleshly desires and its indwelling commandments **(Rom 7:7-14; Gal 5:3-4, 19-21;)**
* To overcome the power of sin is by knowing the truth and reject what is not true.

What is the truth? Truth is unchangeable and the fact of the life. When Jesus said I am the Way, the Truth and the Life **(Jn 14: 6),** it means that every human who came on this world there is a purposely destiny of life to be followed. This purposely destiny cannot be changed. It means that there is way to choose, there is a believe to choose and the life to choose **(Deut 30:15-18).**

If someone believes he is a gay who has affection with the same sex while we know he was born as a man. The fact about that person is his own originality cannot change. How he become now was not how we believed about his existence in spiritual realm therefore, the choice led him to become like that which would affect other who are not believed in that way.

Now the indwelling power of choice let him to behave like that as he excepted that is true. So, in believing that, he agreed that it is good, and it became a governing law of his spiritual/future guidance **(Rom 7:16-18).**

By overcoming the power of evil desires, is to reject it and choose what is true. How to reject it? To prove it that is not true and knowing what is true and declared it.

1. Believing God can do it (Matt 19:26)
   1. Our prayer life
   2. Evangelism
   3. Our giving

When we gift is not because we help pastor or people in the church but a sowing to reap more abundantly for yourself. You are doing for your treasure and not for God **(Matt 6:19-21; 19:21-22; 10:42; Mk 12:42-43; Lk 12:33-34; 16:9; 1Tim 6:17-19; James 5:1-3; Hag 1:6)**

**Sermon five: Financial blessing**

**Focusing passages:** 77 Gen 14:19-20, 28:20-22; Exodus 25:2; Liv 25:35-37, 27:30-34; Num 18:21, 26; Deut 8:17-18, 12:5-6, 14:22-29, 15:10, 16:12-17. (All about 77 passages talks about tithe).

1. Tithing: Neh 12:44; Amos 4:4-5; Mal 3:8-12; Mat 23:23; 1Cor 16:2; 2Cor 9:10; Heb 7:1-2
   1. What is tithing? It is our relationship with God, to each other, God’s creation (Stewardship).
      1. Tithe is God’s plan: an acknowledgement of God’s honor-ship
      2. God given everything to have but one tree they will not touch is for God. What is that? Your life; and how you represent your life to Him?
2. Gifts: Neh 10:35-37; Prov 11:24-25; Matt 5:23, 6:1-4, 19-21; Lk 6:38; 2Cor 9:6-8; Phil 4:15-19
   1. Neh 10:35  **We obligate ourselves** to bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the LORD; Neh 10:36  also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the **firstborn** of our sons and of our cattle, as **it is written in the Law**, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks; Neh 10:37  and to bring the first of our dough, and our **contributions**, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor.
   2. Pro 11:24  **One gives freely**, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Pro 11:25  Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.
   3. Mat 5:23 So if you are **offering your gift** at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,
   4. **Mat 6:1**  “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Mat 6:2  “Thus, when you **give to the needy**, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. Mat 6:3  But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, Mat 6:4  so that your giving may be in secret. And your **Father who sees in secret will reward** **you*.*** Mat 6:19  “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, Mat 6:20  but **lay up for** **yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. Mat 6:21  For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
   5. Luk 6:38  **give, and it will be given to you**. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”
   6. 2Co 9:6  The point is this: **whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly**, and **whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully**. 2Co 9:7  Each one must **give as he has decided in his heart**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2Co 9:8  And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.
   7. Php 4:15  And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into **partnership** with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Php 4:16  Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Php 4:17  Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that **increases** to your credit. Php 4:18  I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. Php 4:19  And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
3. **Offering**: 1 Ch 29:9; Prov 3:9-10; 27, 4:5; Mk 12:41-44
   1. **1Ch 29:9**  Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.
   2. Pro 3:9  **Honor the LORD** with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; Pro 3:10  then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Pro 3:27  Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.
   3. Pro 4:5  **Get wisdom**; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
   4. Mar 12:41  And he sat down opposite the **treasury** and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. Mar 12:42  And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. Mar 12:43  And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. Mar 12:44  For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”
4. **Compassion gifts**: Psalm 41:1-3; Prov 19:17, 22:9, 28:27; Mat 10:42; Lk 10:35-37; Acts 11:27-29, 20:35; 1Ti 6:17-19; 1Jn 3:17-22.
   1. Luk 10:35  And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Luk 10:36  Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a **neighbor** to the man who fell among the robbers?” Luk 10:37  He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”
   2. Act 11:27  Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. Act 11:28  And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). Act 11:29  So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to **send relief to the brothers** living in Judea. Act 20:35  In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must **help the weak** and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
   3. 1Ti 6:17  As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who **richly** **provides** us with everything to enjoy. 1Ti 6:18  They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be **generous and ready to share**, 1Ti 6:19  thus storing **up treasure** for themselves as a **good foundation for the future**, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.
   4. 1Jn 3:16  By this we know love, that **he laid down his life for us**, and we ought to **lay down our lives for the brothers**. 1Jn 3:17  But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 1Jn 3:18  Little children, let us not love in word or talk but **in deed and in truth**. 1Jn 3:19  By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;
5. Tithing and offering and gifts are Biblical principles and law (**Neh 12:44**) that shown our relationship with God, blessing and peace for our family and the things we do (**Prov 3:9-10; Gen 14:18-20, 28:20-22**)
6. Tithing and giving or offering is a sacrifice that undo all curses or sinful acts that we have done or being done in our family (**Amos 4:4-5**)
7. It is God’s principle of blessing His people and it be done willfully for your wellbeing and the family **(Amos 4:4-5**)
8. Because it a Biblical truth, we must to teach it to whoever says I am a child of the living God.
9. If we believe this is the house of God, we will be able to bring our produces to the house to be bless.

**Those who are to be commissioned to the work of the Church**

* **Evangelist**:
  + Nicanora Sabit Edward
* **Ushers** or **Organizers**:
  + Yom Malok
  + Fataj Nyok
  + Santino Maliet Mathon
  + Angar Nyok
  + Nyanbol Nyok
* This people are leaders to their peers (youth). They should be connected all the time with the church administration and themselves
* Be faithful in your work according to Gospel of **Luke 16:10**, [Whoever](http://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [is faithful](http://biblehub.com/greek/4103.htm) [with](http://biblehub.com/greek/1722.htm) [very little](http://biblehub.com/greek/1646.htm) [will](http://biblehub.com/greek/1510.htm) [also](http://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [be faithful](http://biblehub.com/greek/4103.htm) [with](http://biblehub.com/greek/1722.htm) [much,](http://biblehub.com/greek/4183.htm) [and](http://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [whoever](http://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [is dishonest](http://biblehub.com/greek/94.htm) [with](http://biblehub.com/greek/1722.htm) [very little](http://biblehub.com/greek/1646.htm) [will](http://biblehub.com/greek/1510.htm) [also](http://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [be dishonest](http://biblehub.com/greek/94.htm) [with](http://biblehub.com/greek/1722.htm) [much](http://biblehub.com/greek/4183.htm) (NIV).