

Living In Freedom

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Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3.17-18**

- God plan, purpose, from one degree of glory to another degree glory

The ways of right-living people glow with light; the longer they live, the brighter they shine. **Proverbs 4.18 MSG**

- I have seen some people get better over time
- I have seen others become bitter over time
- Time isn't the determining factor - A persons responses, choices and attitude towards life and relationships determines what they become

Introduction - Free In Christ

Let me be clear, the Anointed One (Christ) has set us free-not partially, but completely and wonderfully free! We must always cherish this truth and stubbornly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past.

Galatians 5:1 TPT

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **2 Corinthians 5:17**

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **Colossians 1:13-14**

- Jesus purchased freedom for us at the cost of his own life
- Jesus is the Prince of peace - And that peace is yours in Him
- Jesus is Life - *'Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.'* **1 John 5.12**
- *'Who the son sets free is free indeed'* - **John 8.36**

We all live in a spiritual Struggle

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. [11] Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this

dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
Ephesians 6:10-12

Little Things Can destroy - Make Wise choices daily
Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom. **Song of Songs 2.15**

- Catch the foxes - Little unseen, non threatening things
- The little foxes ruin the vineyard - these little things are often the things that spoil a otherwise fruitful life
- Make wise choices daily
- Deal with little niggles as soon as you can
- Could be an attitude shift
- Perhaps a way of speaking that you know needs to change
- Little foxes can spoil your life

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. **Colossians 2.6-8**

1. Receive Christ **Jesus as Lord**

- The starting point is always receiving Jesus as Lord over your life
- But its not just the starting point but also the place we need to live in every day - Is he Lord today

2. **Continue** to live in him, **rooted** and built up **in him**

- Lets your roots go deep, day by day, week by week, year on year

3. Strengthened in the **faith**

- You can and should grow in your faith
 - Believe God
 - Trust him
 - Take him at his Word

- **Confession** - *'For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.'* **Romans 10.10**

4. Overflow with **thankfulness** - **Praise**

- Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. **Psalms 8.2**
- King Jehoshaphat - Unprecedented threat, 2 Chronicles 20
- Paul and Silas - In Prison Acts 16
- You and me - Have you tried praise!!
- Praise silences the enemy
- Praise builds God a throne and he comes to inhabit it
- Praise changes the atmosphere
- Praise activates the angelic
- Praise brings the miraculous
- There is great power in praise!!

5. **See** no one **deceives** you

- People will try to lead you astray - everyone has an opinion
- The enemy will try and distract - away from Jesus
- Human philosophies
- Earthly traditions
- Stay rooted in Christ

6. Rather than **on Christ** - A part of being in Christ is being connected to Christ's Body

- Walking with others is far more freeing than many realise
- *Every believer was faithfully devoted to following the teachings of the apostles. Their hearts were mutually linked to one another, sharing communion and coming together regularly for prayer.* **Acts 2:42** TPT

Prophetic Declaration

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. **Isaiah 60.1**

- Arise -
- Shine -
- Your light has come -
- God's glory rises upon you