

Freedom

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The word freedom carries with it the idea of being free from any restraints or not being bound by any regulations, rules or requirements. Many long to live a life with no obligations, no opposition or no oppression. Yet all of life is wrapped with boundaries of one nature or another: Highways are divided by traffic lanes, stop signs, caution signs, turning lanes and many more constraints. Every athletic contest or sporting event has specific lines, certain types of equipment or clothing and regulations to control the activities of the participants. Even something as simple as boiling water has specific criteria. Rarely, if ever, do we pause to consider all of life's limits. Especially after being incarcerated! We take for granted the ability to move about at will, make independent choices and manage our own affairs. But does moving and choosing and managing make us free? Not really. They still involve constraints in the final analysis. Where, then, do we find true freedom? Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom and we can only be free if we have accepted the forgiveness of God through Christ.

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