



#2 To Be Free

Part 4

Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)

The Clarion Call Of True Freedom

Romans 8:1-2 *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

1. If we are free, what are we free from?
 - A. The **PENALTY** of **SIN**
 1. **John 5:24** *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*
 2. **Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
 3. What are we saved to?
 1. **1 Corinthians 2:9** *But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.*
 - B. The **POWER** of **SIN**
 1. **Ephesians 2:1-3** *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...*
 2. **Romans 6:14** *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*
 - C. The **BONDAGE** of **SELF SALVATION**
 1. **Galatians 3:1-14** *O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified...*
 - D. Free to **LIVE AND LOVE**
 1. **Ephesians 2:4-19** *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us...*

The Holy Spirit Gives Us Freedom

Romans 8:11 *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

1. The Holy Spirit's presence is **THE SIGN** of an **AUTHENTIC** follower of Jesus

The Holy Spirit Gives Us Two New Gifts

1. A new **OBLIGATION**
 - A. **Romans 8:12 -13** *So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*
2. A new **IDENTITY**
 - A. **Romans 8:14 -17** *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

**Are You Living In Freedom Today?
Are You Embracing Your Gospel-Shaped Identity?**