The Reality Of Freedom Wed 7/3/2024

John 8:31-36 NKJV

31Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

32And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

33They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

34Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

35And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever.

36Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

# 1 Corinthians 7:22 NKJV

# 22For he who is called in the Lord *while* a slave is the Lord’s freedman. Likewise he who is called *while* free is Christ’s slave.

# Galatians 5:13 NKJV

# 13For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

# *Jesus came to purchase and guarantee our freedom from the curse*

# *Freedom of choice.*

# Deuteronomy 30:19 NKJV

# 19I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

# 2 Timothy 2:20-21 NKJV

# 20But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

# 21Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

# *Choice of thoughts*

# Isaiah 55 NKJV

# 55 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread, And your wages for *what* does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David. 4Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. 5Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you, Because of the Lord your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.”

# 6Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

# 7Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

# 8“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the Lord. 9“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

# 10“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

# 12“For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands. 13Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the Lord for a name, For an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.”

# Philippians 4:6-8 NKJV

# 6Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

# 7and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

# 8Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

# *Choice of words.*

# Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

# 21Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

# *God’s Word is life. Idle words we will give an account for, and satan’s words are death.*

# *Actions*

# Philippians 4:9-10 NKJV

# 9The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

# 10But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

# *God is completely honest and true therefore we are completely free.*