

Freedom
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Slide Notations

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July 4th Independence Day

Commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence

America was in bondage to Great Britain

Declaration of Independence

Before we knew Christ we were in bondage to sin

Romans 6

Don't you know that when you offer yourself as an obedient slave, you are in bondage to the one that you offered yourself to—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

1 John 3:8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

We were slaves to sin

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

I see slavery and not freedom I see people burdened with guilt, bound by fear, enslaved to habits I see people entangled by the cares of this world

John 8

If the Son sets you free you are free indeed

Christ has set you free?

Romans 7

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that bondage to sin is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.

Romans 7

I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate. But if I'm doing the thing that I don't want to do, I'm agreeing that bondage to sin is right. But now I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it's sin (old man) that lives in me.

Why do we struggle with sin so much even though we know we are free?

Matthew 11

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Why do we take off that easy and light yoke and re-install the heavy yoke of slavery to sin?

Self-rule

Ironic?

Because we want our freedom we enslave ourselves

Stay in financial bondage with our self-rule...

Stay in addiction because of our self-rule...

We stay in bondage because of our self-defined "freedom"

We say that the sacrifice doesn't mean anything by putting the yoke of slavery back on our shoulders

We want freedom

"I am my own authority"

When an umbrella is working right it protects people from the elements

Think of it as authority structure of God

He wants us to live under His authority and protection

I want to run, do my own thing, Submission is weakness

Backwards kingdom

Protection not dominance

If we submit to His authority, things line up

Do we really think that we know better than Him?

If we push back and fight we end up having things our own way

Every time we get out from under God's authority we are going to crash

We are not going to become the people that the Lord wants us to be

We need the authority of God

Authority is for our protection

In this backwards kingdom in order to be free you have to submit

Luke 4

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the slaves free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

It is for freedom He set us free

In submission there is freedom