

Freedom From Sin's Penalty and Power

John 8:24-36

Introduction

- Tomorrow, we celebrate a form of freedom – freedom from foreign governmental tyranny
- Israel experienced freedom from bondage in Egypt after 400 years of slavery
- Today, Ukrainians are fighting to hold on to their freedom from foreign domination

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There is a far greater freedom that all mankind needs -

- the freedom from sin's penalty, which is death
- the freedom from sin's power, which is the domination of our thoughts and actions

God has provided this freedom from the penalty and power of sin, as recorded in John 8:24-36

Promised Freedom From Sin's PENALTY

- John 8:24 ESV
 - “I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins”
 - Cf Lk 9:44-45, 18:31-34
- Many responded to this promise
 - John 8:30

Promised Freedom from the POWER of the Sin Nature

• John 8:31-36 The Truth Will Set You Free

- ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide (feel at ease) in my Word, you are truly my disciples,
- ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”
- ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who (habitually) practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

The PLACE of Freedom From the Power of the Sin Nature: Our POSITION in CHRIST

- Placed into the Body of Christ – all NT grace believers since Pentecost
 - Rom 6:3-4, 11
 - ³ “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life...
 - ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

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 - Rom 6:3-4, 11
 - Rom 8:5-6
 - ⁵ “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit” is life and peace.
 - Col 3:1-2

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- Col 3:1-2
 - “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

- **Freedom from the Sin Nature**

- As NT grace believers reckon (count it true) that IN CHRIST they are dead to their indwelling sin-nature, then the Holy Spirit will put to death the unrighteous practice of the god down here on Earth (Rom 8:13) and we can live out (show forth) the LIFE of our indwelling Savior

- **Romans 8:13** 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."