

## Living in the Light of Freedom

**Text: John 8:36; Galatians 5:1; 1 Peter 2:16; 1 John 1:7**

### **Introduction:**

God created man to be free, but sin produced slavery — spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. The glory of the gospel is the freedom it brings to those who accept Christ.

### **Message:**

#### **1. Freedom from sin (1 John 1:7; John 8:36).**

- a. Fellowship with God begins with our cleansing from sin.
- b. Cleansing from sin also brings us into fellowship with others who are living in the light.
- c. In contrast to the false freedom promised by Satan, Jesus Christ makes us “free indeed.”

#### **2. Freedom can be lost (Galatians 5:1).**

- a. We must practice daily discipline (“stand fast”) to avoid being “entangled again.”
- b. To lose our freedom would be to exchange Christ’s gentle yoke (Matthew 11:30) for the yoke of bondage from which we were once delivered.

#### **3. Freedom to serve God (1 Peter 2:16).**

- a. Our spiritual freedom must not be used as a cover-up for sin. We have been made free to do the will of God, not indulge our fleshly desires.
- b. Serving God involves maintaining the right relationship with others (1 Peter 2:11–15).

### **Conclusion:**

Spiritual slavery and spiritual darkness are inseparably connected. Spiritual freedom brings us into the full light of God’s grace and love. When we have received that freedom, we must guard it as carefully as citizens of nations must guard their freedom against the efforts of those who desire to conquer and oppress them.