

Your Freedom is Jesus' Mission

Jesus's Mission: Freedom was always his mission!

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, **To proclaim liberty to the captives** And recovery of sight to the blind, **To set at liberty those who are oppressed;** 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV)

Who holds you captive?

16 One day, as we were going to the house of prayer, we encountered a young slave girl who had an evil spirit of divination, the spirit of Python. She had earned great profits for her owners by being a fortune-teller. 17 She kept following us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Great High God, and they're telling us how to be saved!" 18 Day after day she continued to do this, until Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit indwelling her, "I command you in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One, to come out of her, now!" At that very moment, the spirit came out of her! 19 When her owners realized that their potential of making profit had vanished, they forcefully seized Paul and Silas and dragged them off to the city square to face the authorities. 20 When they appeared before the Roman soldiers and magistrates, the slave owners leveled accusations against them, saying, "These Jews are troublemakers. They're throwing our city into confusion. 21 They're pushing their Jewish religion down our throats. It's wrong and unlawful for them to promote these Jewish ways, for we are Romans living in a Roman colony." 22 A great crowd gathered, and all the people joined in to come against them. The Roman officials ordered that Paul and Silas be stripped of their garments and beaten with rods on their bare backs. **23 After they were severely beaten, they were thrown into prison and the jailer was commanded to guard them securely.** 24 So the jailer placed them in the innermost cell of the prison and had their feet bound and chained. **25 Paul and Silas, undaunted, prayed in the middle of the night and sang songs of praise to God, while all the other prisoners listened to their worship.** 26 Suddenly, a great earthquake shook the foundations of the prison. All at once every prison door flung open and the chains of all the prisoners came loose. 27 Startled, the jailer awoke and saw every cell door standing open. Assuming that all the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself 28 when Paul shouted in the darkness, "Stop! Don't hurt yourself. **We're all still here.**" 29 The jailer called for a light. When he saw that they were still in their cells, he rushed in and fell trembling at their feet. **30 Then he led Paul and Silas outside and asked, "What must I do to be saved?"** 31 They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—you and all your family." 32 Then they prophesied the word of the Lord over him and all his family. 33 Even though the hour was late, he washed their wounds. Then he and all his family were baptized. He took Paul and Silas into his home and set them at his table and fed them. **34 The jailer and all his family were filled with joy in their newfound faith in God.** 35 At daybreak, the magistrates sent officers to the prison with orders to tell the jailer, "**Let those two men go.**" 36 The jailer informed Paul and Silas, "The magistrates have sent orders to release you. So you're free to go now." 37 But Paul told the officers, "Look, they had us beaten in public, without a fair trial—and we are Roman

citizens. Do you think we're just going to quietly walk away after they threw us in prison and violated all of our rights? Absolutely not! **You go back and tell the magistrates that they need to come down here themselves and escort us out!**" 38 When the officers went back and reported what Paul and Silas had told them, the magistrates were frightened, especially upon hearing that they had beaten two Roman citizens without due process. 39 **So they went to the prison and apologized to Paul and Silas, begging them repeatedly**, saying, "Please leave our city." 40 So Paul and Silas left the prison and went back to Lydia's house, where they met with the believers and comforted and encouraged them before departing.

Acts 16:40 (TPT)

Unquestionably Free

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

John 8:36 (NKJV)

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Freedom

17 Now, the "Lord" I'm referring to is the Holy Spirit, and wherever he is Lord, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (TPT)

Sons not Slaves

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Galatians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

Refuse to turn back!

1 It was for this freedom that Christ set us free [completely liberating us]; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [which you once removed].

Galatians 5:1 (NKJV)

*1 At last we have freedom, for Christ has set us free! **We must always cherish this truth and firmly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past.***

Galatians 5:1 (TPT)

Live as slaves to the flesh or live free by the power of the Holy Spirit!

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 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, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:1-7 (NKJV)