

The Nature of
Freedom

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IT'S OVER... SOMETHING GOT FINISHED BEFORE YOU STARTED

*Key Scriptures: Revelations 13:8, Genesis 1:26, John 19:30,
Romans 6:3-11*

Beloved, when We created mankind, the greatest possible gift that We could bestow was freedom. In order for you to be free to choose your way, We had to remove control as a possibility for your life. The essence of control is limitation; the curbing of free will and the repression of the individual. If you are to be fully made in Our image then you must have the same freedom.

We knew that freedom of choice would take some people away from Our loving lifestyle. We do not wish to control anyone or anything, but rather We want to walk people through life situations and be in charge of the process of redemption. With that in mind, before the introduction of light We made a decision that Jesus would become Emmanuel and save people from their sins by taking their place in sacrifice.

In due time He fulfilled that purpose perfectly and here you are with Us! Before you were born your redemption was already completed. Not just the freedom and forgiveness from sin and self-destruction, but also the elimination of all forms of negativity in heart and mind. Anxiety, fear, panic, worry, all forms of dread and every negative thought, emotion, word and deed. True liberation.

On the Cross you were in My mind, heart and vision. I could see the total freedom that death would bring to you. Your death as part of My death. My life for yours. Your new life lived in a joyful partnership of learning and becoming.

BREAKING THE MOLD

In My eyes your old life has already met its demise and is finished. The Cross has set you free from your old man; a sin nature and a selfish lifestyle. When I died, so did you. I did not just die for you, I died as you.

When I was buried I took your old man with me and when I was raised from the dead I left your old man behind. He cannot ever be resurrected. It is gone, finished, forever. You died in Me, then a new version of you was raised from the dead through My glorious workings.

Now you and I are walking together in a completely new and totally different life.

Your old self was crucified with Me so that everything connected to that life could never make it past the grave. We are united together always and no one and nothing can ever separate us. Beloved, I am so excited that We are together as resurrected beings. All the old has passed away and you are My new creation in Jesus.

I give you the beautiful, always amazing Holy Spirit to empower and support all your learning as you experience My life in you.

You are no longer a slave to sin. It is no longer your nature. I have removed it. All that remains is your attachment through memory to a habit, which can be broken by our partnership and relationship. He who is dead is entirely free and I will teach you and show you the reality and the power of that freedom.

CONSEQUENCES!

Think of the consequences of you being united with Me both in death and resurrection. It would be utterly absurd for Me to kill your old nature, then also raise it from the dead and try to change it in life!

That would make Me massively double minded. I killed your sinful nature then I brought it back? The people who take your household trash away every week...have they ever brought it back? I know, that makes me smile too. Me, the Lord of the Universe going to these elaborate lengths to put all your sin on My Son, give Him a totally gruesome death, have Him be in hell for three days, resurrect Him to newness of life and at the same time resurrect you to live the same life from the old nature. What would be the point of that? It would make the Cross of Jesus of no effect. It would grossly, insanely undermine His wonderful sacrifice.

Did I punish Jesus enough for sin? Did I judge Him one hundred percent for sin? Did I expend every last ounce of anger, wrath and indignation upon Him for sin? When He took the sins of the whole world upon Himself, He became a loathsome thing to Me. So abhorrent, I turned away from Him and left Him to His shame and humiliation. I condemned Him so that you may become the Beloved.

My dear one, would We go through all that horror and then raise your sinful nature from the grave in order to work on your behavior? If He has dealt with sin once and for all, how then can I remain sin conscious?

If I were dealing with your sinfulness now it would be because I had no faith that Jesus dealt with it in His own body on the tree. For Me to shame or condemn you for your lifestyle choices when

Jesus has already taken that form of punishment in your place...is that not a violation of My agreement with Him?

I absolutely, implicitly believe in the sacrifice of My Son. I will never deny His slaughter by allowing you to feel helpless, hopeless, guilty or condemned. You are free!

Enjoy working with the Holy Spirit to live in the new man, who is Christ within. As you learn to be made in Our image, all your mistakes in that process of becoming are covered by the power of the blood and the Cross.

PRESENT-PAST AND PRESENT-FUTURE

Do you believe what I believe about you being in Christ now? When you think of the old self you must use the past tense and not the present. Our language is clear. You have been buried. You have been united with Him in death. Your old self was crucified, the body of sin was done away with. The one who has died (you) is free now!

When you think of the new, true, resurrected you in Christ you must use a present-future tense to mark the current place you hold in Our affection and to connect you with the life We are cultivating in you for the rest of your days.

Knowing this, you will become like Him in real life. It is Our purpose and We love it! Certainly you shall be made in His likeness. It is a done deal in Our hearts. You have Our undivided attention in Him. You are freed and We believe that you can and will live in Him in total fullness, with Our full help and support.

We therefore give you absolute permission to consider yourself to be dead to sin and to become fully alive to God in Christ Jesus! Beloved, there are necessary, joyful and wonderful consequences

for you in believing the truth about yourself. Know this, We joyfully bind ourselves to the same consequences!

That means I can only think of you in one way. You are My Son. I placed you in Him. He also lives in you by His own desire, delight and purpose. I AM is working on making you in the likeness of My Son. Every day, in each circumstance, you are being trained to live from your new man, not the old. When you realize who you are in Him and who He is for you, that oneness and unity breaks every power against you.

I trust the sacrifice of My Son. I judged Him, sentenced Him, punished Him and hold Him executed so that I would never have to do that to you. The power of sin is destroyed; righteousness now reigns in its place. That is what you are practicing in My beautiful Holy Spirit.

Beloved, it makes no sense for Me to be sin conscious if My Son has destroyed sin by His death! I am single minded about you loving holiness. I am totally focused on Christ in you. I concentrate daily on elevating the new man in you to the place of loving acceptance. My heart is fixed on the new, true you in Jesus. I am not double minded about that! You have My permission to be fully alive in Me.

Come on this journey with Me. Leave behind the places where you are stuck. Love the learning. Don't worry if it clashes with your tradition. "You have heard it said, but now I say to you," is a familiar term used by My Son in His ministry. It will become familiar to you also.

Let's get started.

