

MESSAGE NOTES

The Promise of Freedom

John 8:31-36 James Brown

1. Freedom with protection

We're free as Christians to do whatever we want. God isn't going to force us to do anything. But for our protection, He gives us guidance and rules to live by in the Bible. This doesn't limit our freedom it only protects us from danger.

John 8:32 "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

Through living our lives according to the truth of God's Word we find real freedom.

2. Freedom of the heart

Freedom of the heart is much more important for living than freedom of the body. God promises to set us free from the grip of sin on our lives. That is from dangerous, negative influences that take our hearts captive.

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."

Sin entangles us to the point where we can't break free of it ourselves. But God promises to set us free from this curse of sin the day we choose to follow Jesus.

3. Walking in freedom

God then gives us the power and ability to choose between right and wrong. Real freedom is the power to do what is right in your life.

Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

We have been set free from the law of sin and death and we need to guard out hearts against wanting to return to it.