

# The Gospel of Freedom

1. God is the Creator. Genesis 1:27
  - a. He has a purpose and a plan. Proverbs 19:21; Jeremiah 29:11-13
  - b. He has a plan for you!
    - i. God created you as a unique person. Psalm 139:13-14
    - ii. You have a purpose. Jeremiah 1:5
2. God loves you and created you to experience love and joy and freedom. 1 John 4:7; 2 Corinthians 3:17
3. Instead of following God's plan we chose to serve sin, so we receive its consequences.
  - a. Sin wants control. Genesis 4:1-7; John 8:34
  - b. Sin will destroy. James 1:14-15; Isaiah 59:2
4. Instead of judgment, God seeks to forgive us. John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21
5. God desires for us to have total freedom from sin and oppression. Proverbs 14:31; John 16:33; 1 John 5:4
6. For anyone who seeks freedom, God will help them. Isaiah 61:1-3 NLT; Acts 17:26-31 NLT
7. God wants to set us free, but He is also just, and justice must be served, so Christ was willingly sacrificed on the cross for the sins of the world. He rose again three days later! Isaiah 53:6; Hebrews 9:27-28; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
8. The path to freedom is through responsibility, confession, and forgiveness.
  - a. Take responsibility for your actions and confess them to God. Romans 3:10; 1 John 3:7
  - b. Confess your trust in God and ask Jesus to be your Savior and your Lord.
    - i. Private Romans 10:9-10
    - ii. Public 1 Peter 3:21
  - c. Accept God's gift of forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:9; Ephesians 2:8-9
  - d. Submit to God's plan and no longer submit to sin. Romans 6:15-19
  - e. Recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and live accordingly. Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
  - f. Extend the gift of forgiveness to others because of what Christ has done for us! Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14-15
9. We are now able to follow the example of Christ and pursue freedom from sin and oppression. John 8:31-36; Galatians 5:1; Romans 13:8
10. We must pursue God's plan for our lives by loving God and loving our neighbor. Mark 12:30-31; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; 1 John 4: 7-12 NLT
11. Ultimately, God will set us free from sin when we enter heaven to be with Him forever. John 17:3; John 11:25