

The Gospel of Freedom

The Gospel of The Kingdom - Week 1 (2-9-22)

I. Freedom Isn't Free

A. John 3:13-21

1. He Gave - The price necessary for our freedom
2. vs. 14 - The serpent on a pole
 - a) 2 Corin 5:21 - Jesus was made to be sin (the brass serpent) on our behalf when we don't deserve
 - b) Romans 5:6-8 - While we were yet sinners

B. A price had to be paid in order for the Gospel (Good News) to exist.

1. An exchange had to take place to pay for our chance to exchange Kingdoms
 - a) Jesus made an exchange so that we could make an exchange. - trade the kingdom of darkness for the kingdom of light!

II. Obedience to the gospel of freedom

A. 2 Thes. 1:8 - "...that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

B. 2 Corin. 9:13 - "... they glorify God for your professed subjection (the obedience of your confession) into the gospel of Christ..."

C. Rom. 10:16 - "But they have not all obeyed the gospel..."

D. The Transfer - Colossians 1:12-13 - our obedience to the gospel transfers us to a different Kingdom.

1. "Freedom is not that ability to do what ever you want, but the power to do what you know is right."
2. We are all subject to one of two kingdoms - There is no "free agents"
 - a) Being free from one kingdom = being obedient/subject to the other.
 - b) 2 Corin. 5:15 "...They which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them..."
 - c) Romans 6:16-23
 - (1) vs. 17 - "...obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine.."
 - (a) vs 18. by being obedient to the gospel they were made free from sin
 - d) Vs. 20-22 - Our two options
 - (1) Servant to sin + free from righteousness = Death!
 - (2) Free from sin + Servant to God = Everlasting Life and Holiness!
 - e) Vs. 23 - By serving sin you get wages (What you deserve or earn).
 - (1) By serving God you get a free gift (What you Don't deserve or earn).
3. The good news is not that we can do whatever we want, but that we now possess the power to do what we know is right and live within all of the benefits of the Gospel of The Kingdom of God.
 - a) You're no longer bound to the evil that dwells in your flesh. "...walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."
4. Obedience to the truth
 - a) John 8:31-32

- (1) The Gospel of Freedom is the Gospel of Truth.
- (2) The truth will make you free, but you must first hear it and then believe it. -
Become obedient to the truth; accept it as truth
 - (a) When the truth is received it produces freedom and fruit.
 - i) Matt. 4:23, 9:35, Acts 10:38

III. Living in that freedom, and sharing that freedom

- A. Only a free person can free a person.
- B. Galatians 5:1
- C. Colossians 1:23-29
 - 1. Don't move away from the Hope of the Gospel!
 - 2. vs. 26-27 - The Mystery (hidden TRUTH) being revealed to the saints (Those that are obedient to the truth) - the riches and the glory of "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory."
- D. 2 Corin 5:19-20 - We are ambassadors of the Good News!
- E. Romans 10:13-17