

Why Believe In Freedom?

Sunday Morning, July 3, 2011

John 8:31-36

1. God is free.

a. God the Father is free.

Psalms 93:1-5

(1) The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

(2) Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

(3) The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

(4) The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

(5) Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

b. God the Son is free.

Luke 4:16-21

(16) And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

(17) And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

(18) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

(19) To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

(20) And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

(21) And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

John 8:36

(36) If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

c. God the Holy Spirit is free.

Psalms 51:12

(12) Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17

(17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

2. God created people with a free will.

a. Adam, the first man, enjoyed freedom.

Genesis 2:15-17

(15) And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

(16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

(17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (15) And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

(16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

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b. Worship and giving are acts of freedom.

Psalms 54:6

(6) I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good.

c. Receiving God's gift of salvation is by free choice.

John 3:16

(16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God chose to give you a choice.

3. Jesus brings real freedom to disciples.

a. His word brings freedom.

John 8:31-32

(31) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

(32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

i. First comes learning about Jesus

John 8:31

(31) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

ii. Next comes liberty in Jesus

John 8:32

(32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

b. Political freedom is partial freedom.

John 8:33-34

(33) They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

(34) Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

c. Spiritual freedom is complete freedom.

John 8:35-36

(35) *And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.*

(36) If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Only through Jesus can we have real freedom.

4. Heaven will be a place of eternal freedom.

a. Jesus offers the water of life freely.

Revelation 21:6

(6) And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

b. The Spirit offers the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:17

(17) And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

c. The bride offers the water of life freely.

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(17) And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.