# TRULY FREE

*The truth will set you free.*
John 8:32

*Whoever sins is a slave to sin ...*
*... but if the Son sets you free, you will be truly free.*
John 8:34-36

Jesus was a free man, the freest man who ever lived. He was free, and that is why the devil hated him. The devil could find nothing with which to control Jesus.

Jesus was free from fear of man, free from sin, free from sickness, free from lack, free from worry, free from unbelief. Jesus loved his Father and did only what the Father wanted him to do. He remained in the Father's love because he did only what the Father told him and showed him. Jesus did not live for himself. His mission was to do the Father's will. Jesus wants us to be like him: free from Satan's power and control. Free to do the will of God. Abraham Lincoln wrote a proclamation of freedom and gave slaves their freedom back. Lincoln was killed for it. The devil does not want us to find out the truth. Many slaves did not hear about this proclamation until much later and remained slaves. Many heard it but did nothing with what they heard and also remained slaves. The man who built his house on the rock was the one who heard the word and did it. The one who built on the sand heard the same word but did nothing with what he heard.

Jesus came to free humanity from the slavery of the devil and his reign of sin. He began his ministry with a proclamation: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim liberty to the captives, prosperity to the poor, light to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Jesus announced a new day for humanity. He went around proclaiming that our sins are forgiven, our diseases are healed, and we are free from Satan's power and dominion. Every person can now be free because Jesus paid the price for our freedom on the cross. Lies, sin, Satan, and sickness no longer have the right to dominate us. Jesus said, "You will understand the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Because the price for our freedom was paid on the cross, every person now has a right to freedom from Satan's dominion and a right to be a child of God.

God gave every person a free will. God respects our free will, and Satan cannot force us to do anything we do not want to do. People sin because they want to. As long as they sin, they give the devil a foothold in their lives. Sin opens the door for the devil. Every person can choose God if they want to and can give the devil the boot. That puts an end to Satan's power. The devil blinds humanity so that they do not understand what Jesus did on the cross, namely, that Satan was defeated. Jesus rose from the dead and triumphed over sin, the devil, and death. Neither death nor the devil could keep Jesus in the grave. Through faith, we appropriate this resurrection power, which frees us from sin, sickness, and poverty.

Unbelief is like blindness. What holds people captive is not Satan, but his lies and unbelief. Satan was defeated on the cross. People are not lost because they are sinners – Jesus solved the sin problem on the cross. People are lost because they do not believe what they hear. Unbelief is the reason why people are lost.

Faith is being convinced of things that cannot be seen or felt. That is why so many people cannot believe that they have been healed by the wounds of Jesus. They want to feel and see it first before they believe it. But I must believe it first before I experience it. We appropriate all of God's blessings through faith and come from faith to seeing, to reality. The truth is that you already have everything and are everything that God says in His Word. You just have to affirm it in your heart and recognize it as truth and act accordingly.

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