



Who the Son sets free is free indeed! John 8:36

January Summer Series – Freedom in Christ

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“Surviving on the Outside: Getting Out of Prison”



It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Gal 5:1)

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MARKERS OF PRISON - False persuasion, Flesh indulg-ments, ‘Clicks’, Misguided loyalties, Vanity, Jealousy, Pride, Unteachableness, Opposite of the Spirit = immorality, impurity, indecency, idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, bursts of rage, selfish ambition, factiousness, divisions, moods of envy, drunkenness, wild partying... **(Mark 10:21)**

Not enslaved, we ‘choose’ without repentance, we ‘desire’ other than Christ, we ‘participate’ against the convictions of the Spirit



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Getting out of prison, surviving on the Outside:

We are not alone, we are partakers of divine life – we **abide!**



“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no **fruit**, while every branch that does bear **fruit** he prunes so that it will be even more **fruitful**. **You are already clean because of the Word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you.** No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear **fruit** unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much **fruit**; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much **fruit**, showing yourselves to be my disciples. (John 15:1-8)



And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the **fruit** of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (Phil 1:9-11)

Is the way we live at peace with Jesus?



***Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good **fruit**. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.
(Colossians 1:10)***

Is the way we live growing our understanding of God?



***But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the **fruit** you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.
(Romans 6:22)***

Is the way we live transforming us to be like Jesus?



So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear **fruit** for God. (Romans 7:4)

Is the way we live **fruitful for God?**



Bear **fruit** in keeping with **repentance**. Matt 3:8

Let repentance be quick and genuine



Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a **sacrifice of praise**—the **fruit** of lips that **openly profess his name**. (Hebrews 13:15)

Let praise arise (sacrifice), speak His name



Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who **remain in me, and I in them**, will produce much **fruit**. For apart from me you can do nothing. When you produce much **fruit**, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.
(John 15:5,8)

Let us bring glory to our Father



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Cannot bear part fruit? Cannot be half cooked?

Mark of freedom in Christ means to freely surrender, freely surrender means living sacrifice, living sacrifice means to faithfully 'fruit' of the Spirit...

In whatever situation, let us be free to permit fruit of the Spirit, in all circumstances, the mark of freedom in Christ





Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognise them by their **fruits**. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good **fruit**, but the diseased tree bears bad **fruit**. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good **fruit** is cut down and thrown into the fire. Matt 7:15-20

Either make the tree good and its **fruit** good, or make the tree bad and its **fruit** bad, for the tree is known by its **fruit**. Matt 12:33



But the **wisdom** from above is first of all pure. It is also **peace loving, gentle** at all times, and **willing to yield** to others. It is full of **mercy** and the **fruit of good deeds**. It shows **no favouritism** and is always **sincere**. (James 3:17)