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## The Outrageous Joy Of An Xtreme Freedom

(Why the morality police need to lighten up and get a life)

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"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36 NIV)

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim **FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS** and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19 NIV)

**"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 5:1-6 NIV)

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11 NIV)

### Jailers For Jesus

#### The jail of the **ordained**.

"You **blind guides!** You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel. Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness." (Mat 23:24-28 NIV)

"He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." (2 Cor 3:6 NIV)

#### The jail of the **orthodox**.

"One **Sabbath** Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the **Sabbath?**' He answered, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The **Sabbath** was made for man, not man for the **Sabbath**. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the **Sabbath**.'" (Mark 2:23-28 NIV)

#### The jail of the **outsider**.

"For there is **no difference** between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him." (Rom 10:12 NIV)

## The Three Freedoms

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be **free indeed**." (John 8:36 NIV)

#### Freedom **from** the shame of the past and the **fear of the future**.

"For the power of the life-giving Spirit--and this power is mine through Christ Jesus--has **freed me from** the vicious circle of sin and death." (Rom 8:2 TLB)

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life **set me free from** the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit." (Rom 8:1-4 NIV)

#### Freedom **under** the loving leadership of **renegade Jesus**.

"They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity--for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him." (2 Pet 2:19 NIV)

"Why do you call me, '**Lord, Lord,**' and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46 NIV)

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy." (Col 1:13-18 NIV)

"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulg the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love." (Gal 5:13 NIV)

#### Freedom **to dream and dare great things** for God.

"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 NIV)

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or **imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Eph 3:20-21 NIV)