

**Sermon Title:** The Princely Price of Freedom 7.5.2026

**Themes:** Your freedom cost many people something, and some people everything. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at [trinitycg.org](http://trinitycg.org).

**Focus Question:** What are you doing with the freedom others bought for a princely price?

**Sermon Points:**

**1. The freedom offered by Christ.** Can you keep the joy of your salvation you had on the day you accepted Christ? You can with your freedom in Christ. A vital principle of republics is public virtue. Our republic and our liberty require a virtuous (morally excellent) people. When leaders and those they govern are corrupt, republics and liberty will not last long. Are we morally excellent? A republic requires liberty, and liberty requires moral excellence. What is liberty and what are we free to do? It can be defined as: freedom from arbitrary or government control; interference, restriction, etc. Liberty is a primary human desire. The Declaration of Independence, setting forth the principles that were to guide the founding and building of our nation states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” God made us to be free: to freely love others, to freely show mercy to the hurting, and to freely worship Him. True liberty can only be found in a right relationship with God. **Galatian 5:1** and **Romans 8:3–4**. An important aspect of Christian freedom is our responsibility not to return to living under the Law, which would be a legalistic form of religion. We cannot earn righteousness through the Law; rather, the Law’s purpose was to define our sin and show our need for a Savior. Christian freedom involves living under God’s grace. In Christ, we are free from the penalty of sin, and we are free from the power of sin. Christian freedom is *not* a license to sin. Your freedom cost Christ His life. **Romans 6:14** and **Galatians 5:13**. Christian freedom is one of the many paradoxes of the Christian faith. True freedom means willingly serving Christ. This happens through a personal relationship with Him. Upon accepting Christ, the believer ceases to be a slave to sin and becomes a servant of righteousness. **John 8:36**. What does Christian freedom look like in a practical sense? What are we free to do? Are there limits to Christian freedom? Our freedom in Christ must be balanced by a desire to build up and benefit others. We are to seek the good of others before our own good, and God’s glory rather than the applause of men. **1 Corinthians 10:23-24** and **Romans 14:1–6 and 12-13**. If we believe we are right and have Christian freedom in an area but our actions cause others to stumble in their faith, we must refrain out of love. Here are four guardrails as we exercise our freedom in Christ: 1. We must do what’s helpful. 2. We must do what builds up. 3. We must seek the good of others before our own good. 4. We must not put a stumbling block in the way of others’ faith. **1 Corinthians 10:31**. We can rely on two guiding principles to regulate our Christian freedom: 1. Our desire to glorify God must be our motive. 2. Love for others compels us not to cause anyone to stumble.

**2. Sin is evil and evil is hurtful.** Sin leads to spiritual oppression. Many of our daily problems are a result of our past decisions. When Israel had Judges, Samson discovered this truth the hard way. **Judges 16:4–6 and 16-20**. What was Samson’s source of strength? God. Samson said his strength would leave him if his head were shaved. That’s true. But his strength would not leave him because his hair left him, his strength would leave him because God would leave him. Toy with sin and God will leave us to our own devices. Samson was on a slippery slope of sin. He ultimately lost his liberty. He was a man of valor, but he was not virtuous. Sin knocked on his door, and he opened it to the Philistines. **Judges 16:21–22, 25-26, and 28-30**. Don’t surrender your liberty for *anything*, whether free *anything*, easy *anything*, or attractive *anything*! Your children will have to fight to get it back, usually at a much higher cost---maybe even their life.

**3. Living for eternal life or eternal death.** How do we go from slaves of sin to servants of God? **Romans 6:17–18 and 22-23**. Freedom in Christ comes to those who are His servants. Slavery to sin means degradation and hardship. The servant of Christ experiences joy and peace. The servant of Christ is free to love, to be merciful, and to serve the Lord. **Romans 8:1-2**. Through our bondage to Christ, we have become sons and heirs of the Most High God. **Galatians 4:4–7**. As heirs, we are partakers of that inheritance—eternal life—which God confers on all His children. This is a privilege beyond any earthly treasure we could ever inherit, while those in bondage to sin inherit only spiritual death and an eternity in hell. Why do we live as though we are still in bondage? For one thing, we often rebel against our Heavenly Father, refusing to obey Him and clinging to our old lives. We hold on to the sins that once bound us to Satan as our master. Because our new nature still lives in the old fleshly body, we are still drawn to sin. You are either a servant of the sins of man or a servant of the Savior of mankind. Choose wisely. So much depends on it. As slaves to Christ, we are free to do His will and to live a joyous life. As His servants, He sets us free as heirs of His Kingdom. Don’t take your Christian liberty for granted. What are you doing with the freedom bought for a princely price?

**Invitation:** Dear Jesus, I want to honor the freedom You purchased for a princely price.