

Message Notes | Citizenship

Part 2: Freedom

2 Peter 2:17-19

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- not all freedom is good freedom

#1 Real _____ requires the right _____.

- deception from false teachers - **vs. 17-18**
- what is your operating system? - **Romans 8:5**

#2 The flesh desires to turn _____ things into _____ things.

- we're all mastered by something - **vs. 19**
- the life of sheep
- having a good shepherd - **John 10:7-11**

#3 Jesus broke us free from the _____ of our _____ and welcomes us to his _____.

- life to the full - **John 10:10**

#4 The _____ you're looking for is found in _____.

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1. Think back to the first time you can remember being "free" from your parents. What was good about that? What challenges came along with it?
2. Freedom is of high value to Americans.
 - a. Give some examples of how this has been good for American society.
 - b. Give some examples of how this has been a challenge to American society.
3. **Read 2 Peter 2:17-18.** These verses talk about false teachers who appealed to lustful desires of the flesh. What does it mean to "live according to the flesh?"
4. **Read Romans 8:5.** Agree or Disagree. If you are a Christian you will live according to the Spirit and not the flesh. Explain your answer.
5. **Read 2 Peter 2:19.** How do you see the truth of this verse in American society? In your own life? (what are you tempted to be mastered by?)
6. **Read John 10:7-11.** Sheep tend not to have unrestrained freedom. Why is that a good thing?
7. Share at least 3 ways that you are "free" as sheep of Jesus?
8. Sometimes people look at following Jesus as restrictive because of all the rules. Jesus said that when we follow him, we're going to have "life to the full." Explain how following Jesus is "life to the full."

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Bible Reading for Today

2 Peter 2:17-19

¹⁷These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. ¹⁸For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. ¹⁹They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.”

