

Treasures in Heaven

May 30, 2021

Matthew 6:19-34

_____ freedom in Christ leads to treasures in heaven (19-21).

Christ's grace and love have set me free. In the freedom that Jesus offers I am free to choose Him first and foremost. I am free to do His will. When I became free in Christ my personal freedom (what I wanted to do in my sin nature), went out the window. The only true freedom is found in Christ.

*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? ¹⁷ But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were ^[e]delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:1-23***

*Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. **John 8:34-36***

Freedom _____ Christ always leads to bondage (moth and rust destroy).

“Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter.” Francis Chan

*⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. **1 Corinthians 3:9-15***

If I am free in Christ, then I will build up treasures in heaven. For wherever our treasure is there will our heart be also.

Freedom in Christ leads Christ followers to say _____ to God's best (24).

In saying yes to the best we encompass our whole life around the Lord.

“In everybody's life there is a throne, either Christ or self is on the throne. If self is on the throne, then Christ is on the cross but if self is on the cross, Christ is on the throne.” S.D. Gordon

*And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. **Colossians 1:17***

Jesus is the King Supreme

Sovereign Preeminence (surpassing all others, superior)

First thought of the day (Psalm 5:3)

First day of the week (Acts 20:7/ 1 Cor 16:2/ Hebrews 10:25)

First fruits of income – Proverbs 3:9

First consideration in every decisions 2 Corinthians 2:5

First devotion of your heart – Rev 2:4

Want to know how we see our freedom? Money and Time!

Freedom in Christ leads to casting all _____ to Him. 25-34

If I have freedom in Christ, then I can cast my worries on Him. I'm to obey.

If I truly love and trust Jesus, I will cast all on Him because He cares for me!

Prayer Focus:

-Do I have freedom in Jesus?

-Am I obeying the freedom I have in Christ?

-Who is on the throne of my heart?