

What Is Freedom?

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What does it mean to be free? Some say that freedom is being able to do anything with no limits. I do not subscribe to that definition because, if followed consistently, it is a sure way to lose your freedom. Think about it. “No limits” means that a person could steal, lie, commit adultery, murder, and numerous other evil things that limit the exercise of freedom.

Consider this illustration. You are the captain of a beautiful ocean-going vessel, and you may sail it wherever you please. You have chart and compass to help you navigate and avoid the rocks. You could ignore them, sail your boat into the rocks, and destroy it, but that would practically eliminate your freedom.

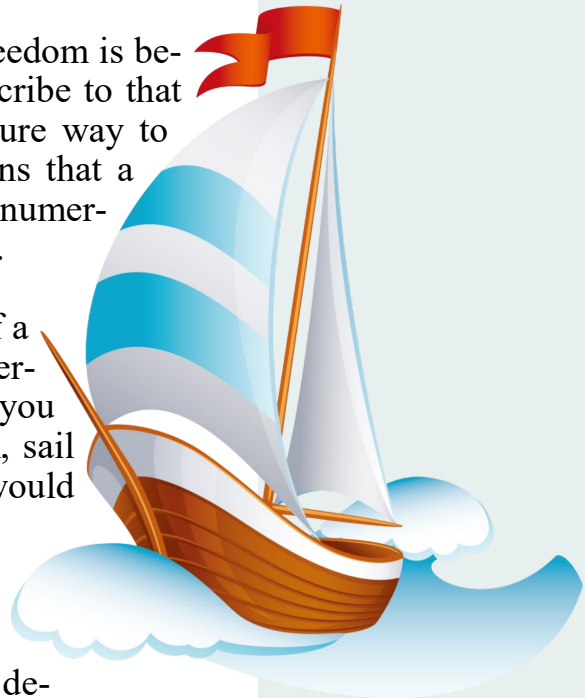
Alternatively, you could use the chart and compass to avoid the rocks and go most any place you desire on the ocean. Who is more free? The person who destroyed his boat in the name of “freedom,” or the person who followed the chart and compass?

In this illustration, your body is the “boat,” and your spirit is the “captain.” The Bible is the chart and compass and the rocks are the consequences of sin. You may wreck your life by ignoring the Bible and sailing among the rocks of sin. Or, by listening to the Bible, you may avoid the rocks of sin and have a truly free life.

Jesus said, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).

Paul wrote, “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13).

If you want real freedom, hear and obey the word of God. God bless you.



Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Mark
Opening Hymn:
67—Praise God
Opening Prayer: Ray
Hymn:
348—Hilltops of Glory
Scripture Reading: Larry
Galatians 5:7-15
Hymn:
310—Gethsemane
Lord's Supper: Dale
Hymn:
11—Praise Him, Praise Him
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
366—Is It For Me?
Closing Hymn:
342—When He Comes in Glory
Closing Prayer: Jared

PRAYER LIST

- *Tom and Nina’s friend Ken and his wife Brenda.
- *Bonnie and her family .
- *Margaret and Albert.
- *Wanda and her family.
- *Kathy, her sister, and her friends.
- *Zarna’s family and friends
- *Larry and Ruth.
- *Pat and Ron and their family.
- *Juanita’s sister Betty and the rest of her family.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Robert and Sara and their children.
- *Ray and Barbara and their family.
- *Dale and his family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Myron & Carole and their family.
- *Mark and his family.
- *Our congregation



CALENDAR

- Sept. 19—Worship 11 am.
Speaker: Tom
- Sept. 19—Bible Study
6pm on-line
with Dale
- Sept. 19—(b.) Ray
- Sept. 26—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
- Sept. 26—Bible Study
6pm on-line
with Dale
- Sept. 26—(b.) Margaret
- Sept. 26—(b.) Rob S.
- Sept. 28—(b.) Rylan
- Sept. 29—(a.) Mark &
Debbie

Love Fulfills the Law

Galatians 5:7-15

Another	beware	brethren	ceased
Circumcision	confidence	consumed	could
Cross	devour	fulfilled	hindered
Judgment	leaven	little	neighbor
Obeying	offense	other	persecution
Persuasion	preach	shall	suffer
Themselves	those	trouble	truth
Whoever	whole	would	

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**If you are going to be thinking,
 you might as well think big.**

SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom)
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