



Freedom!

Preached by Steve Ottley on Sunday April 26th

Romans 8:1-4 (NLT)

¹ So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

I. Are You A Slave To SELF?

THE ROOT OF EVERY PROBLEM IS Self-centeredness

James 4:1-2 (NCV)

"Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you. You want things, but you do not have them...So you argue and fight."

James 1:14-15 (NLT)

¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

Galatians 5:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

**THIS IS NOT FREEDOM—THIS IS A LIFESTYLE OF SLAVERY AND
BONDAGE**

II. Are You A Slave To OTHERS?

Galatians 5:1 (MSG)

¹ Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.

Job 5:2 (NLT)

² Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.

**THIS DOES NOT LEAD TO FREEDOM
IT LEADS TO BONDAGE!**

III. Are You A Slave To CHRIST?

**Now this is where life really happens!
IF YOU CHOOSE THIS—YOU'RE CHOOSING LIFE!**

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

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Luke 4:18-19 (NLT)

*¹⁸ "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,
¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."*

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