

FREE INDEED

I John 5:18-21

**What can we know for certain about our relationship
with Christ and the freedom it brings?**

We know we have ...

I. FREEDOM FROM ROTTENNESS (18)

A. FREEDOM FROM SIN

1. True Believers truly behave
 - No true born one keeps on sinning - See I John 3:4-10
2. Christ keeps the true Believer
 - a. Christ shepherds us - John 10:27-29
 - b. Christ guards and protects us - II Tim. 4:18
 - c. Christ defends and makes propitiation for us - I John 2:1-2

B. FREEDOM FROM SATAN

1. The evil one does not cling to the Believer
2. The evil one cannot fasten his grip on the child of God

C. FREEDOM FOR SAINTS

1. Though spiritually dead and morally depraved, Christ delivers Christians from sin and Satan
2. See Ephesians 2:1-5

We know we have ...

II. FREEDOM THROUGH RELATIONSHIP (19)

A. THE CONDITION OF THE BELIEVER

1. We are associated with God
 - Literally: Out of God we are
2. We are adopted into God's family - Gal. 4:4-6
3. We are awaiting God's heaven - Phil. 3:20
4. We are awkward in the godless world
 - a. We're in this world but not of it - John 17:14
 - b. We're misunderstood by the world - I John 3:1

B. THE CONTRAST OF THE WORLD

1. It's Population: The whole world
2. It's Posture: Lying
 - a. It is victimized and vulnerable ... defenseless
 - b. See Eph. 4:17-19
3. It's Prince: The evil one (See Eph. 2:2)

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C. THE CONFIDENCE FOR SAINTS

1. We wear the victors armor! - Eph. 6:10-17
2. We are on the right and winning side!

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III. **FREEDOM BY REVELATION** (20)

A. OUR INSTRUCTOR

1. Christ came and gave us understanding
2. Without Christ's gift, no man would find his way to God - John 14:6

B. OUR INSIGHT

1. The ability to discover things about God - I John 2:27
2. The ability to discern truth from error - I John 4:1

C. OUR INFORMATION

1. Knowing God
2. Being in Christ

D. OUR INSPIRATION

1. Christ reveals God to us - John 14:7-9
2. That information and revelation are absolutely reliable

We must therefore maintain ...

IV. **FREEDOM FROM RIVALS** (21)

A. BE SECURE

1. Our Duty: Guard ourselves
2. Our Diligence
 - Staying alert, sober and aware of our own heart and the conditions around us
3. Our Discipline - II Cor. 10:5

B. BE SEPARATED

- See II Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1

C. BE SUCCESSFUL

- Worship God alone - John 4:23-24

CONCLUSION:

"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. - John 8:36

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