

# The Promise of Freedom in Christ

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*The promise of spiritual freedom in Christ offers deliverance from spiritual death, condemnation, hell, and limited human resources, and the reception of everlasting life, justification, heaven, and abundant spiritual treasures.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 23:33, John 5:24, John 8:36, Romans 5:18, Romans 7:18, Ephesians 1:3, 1 Peter 1:3

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## Description

Bob Hoekstra preaches about the promise of spiritual freedom in Christ, emphasizing the importance of coming to the Lord Jesus in humility and trust to experience genuine liberation. Through faith in Jesus, believers are set free from death unto life, condemnation unto justification, hell unto heaven, and the bankruptcy of human resources unto abundant spiritual treasures. This freedom in Christ allows believers to leave behind old ways and embrace new life in Him.

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## Transcript

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. (John 8:36)

As mentioned previously, one way to examine the life of grace is to look at living by faith in the promises of God. Let us now proceed in our consideration of God's "exceedingly great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4). The promise of spiritual freedom in Christ is certainly a magnificent and priceless promise. Although we have already given considerable attention to the liberating work of the Lord, this promise gives another appropriate opportunity to meditate on this vital theme (which appears repeatedly throughout scripture).

When people come in humility to the Lord Jesus Christ and trust in Him for freedom, they will be genuinely liberated. This is what the saving grace of God is all about. In coming to the Lord for His salvation, a person is delivered, rescued, set free. This gracious freedom that we find in Christ has both a "from" and an "unto" aspect. Those who look to Jesus for spiritual liberation are free to leave old things behind. They are also free to enter into corresponding new things.

Those who come to Christ are set free from death unto life. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life" (John 5:24). Those who come to Christ are delivered from condemnation unto justification. "Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in

condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life" (Romans 5:18). Those who come to Christ are rescued from hell unto heaven. "Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? . . . Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (Matthew 23:33 and 1 Peter 1:3). Those who come to Christ are liberated from the bankruptcy of vain human resources unto the richness of abundant spiritual treasures. "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells... Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Romans 7:18 and Ephesians 1:3).

Dear Lord Jesus, You are the one who has truly set me free. I thank You that I am no longer spiritually dead, condemned, headed for hell, and limited to inadequate human resources. I praise You that I am alive in Christ, justified, headed for heaven, and enriched by all the resources of Your grace, Amen!

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