

We are FBC: Free Because of Christ

Key Truth:

We rejoice in our Identity since we are Free Because of Christ.

Our world has turned reality upside down. People believe they are free to do the things God condemns. At the same time, they criticize as either irrelevant or harmful the freedoms that God grants us in Christ. Whose definition of freedom will you accept?

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 6:13-23** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on being **Free Because of Christ**:

DIG IN

1. Freedom from Sin.

In this life there are a lot of things we're NOT free from: Rules, Restrictions, and Responsibilities. It's also true we're NOT free from death...yet. However, Christ's sacrifice on the Cross does buy our freedom. In the end he will free us from all that hinders and oppresses us. But for now, it is enough that in Christ we are Free from Sin; free from Sin's Penalty and Power.

Read Romans 6:17-18 again. In what ways is this a source of comfort and encouragement to you?

Being free from the Power of Sin does not mean we no longer need to obey God's Law. It just means we're free to obey in a different way. We saw that there are two ways we can *obey*: legalistically and lovingly. Freedom in Christ means we learn to obey out of love rather than out of mere obligation.

Can you give an example of legalistic obedience versus loving obedience? How has that impacted your life? Explain.

2. Freedom to ... Stand Firm, Serve through Love, and Be Transformed.

Read: Galatians 5:1, 5:13-14, and 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Which of these exhortations do you find most challenging? Why?

Why do you think we need the Freedom of Christ to accomplish these things?

DO

Think about and share one thing you plan to do differently this week as a result of what you learned about being Free Because of Christ.