

# Bible Reading

Romans 6:16-22

Romans 5:1-2

Hebrews 10:19-22

Psalm 40:8

John 12:24

Galatians 5:22-23

Philippians 1:9-11

John 15:1-16

# Review Questions

Read Romans 6:18 and Romans 6:22. From these verses, what has the believer been set free from, and what has he now become?

According to Romans 5:1-2, what has made it possible for the child of God to have access to the heavenly Father?

In Hebrews 10:19-22, what gives a Christian boldness to enter into God's presence?

Read Psalm 40:8. What is the difference between doing God's will and delighting to do God's will?

What principle given in John 12:24 reveals the secret to bringing forth fruit?

Lesson 6

# The Use of *Liberty*

*"Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."* Romans 6:18

To the immigrants who entered the United States through Ellis Island, Lady Liberty was a welcome sight that promised refuge and new beginnings. However, the Statue of Liberty was never meant to represent freedom without direction. Those who came to America were expected to use their liberty correctly. Immigrants were not merely freed from oppression; they were freed to begin a new life marked by responsibility, purpose, and contribution.

Likewise, Christian liberty is far more than freedom from sin, condemnation, and fear. Romans 6:18 says that we are "made free from sin" and have become "servants of righteousness." We are expected to use our liberty responsibly, in a way that honors Christ who purchased our freedom with His own blood.

The first stage of Christian liberty is justification (Romans 5:1). In Christ, we are declared righteous and set free from sin and death. The second stage is sanctification. In Christ, we are made free to become everything God saved us to be. The only way that can be accomplished is by being a servant to God (Romans 6:22).

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*Christian liberty is freedom to live differently.*

*Freedom is found in serving God.*

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### ***In Christ, We Are Free to Access God.***

One of the most precious and practical results of Christian liberty is the believer's free access to God. Romans 5:2 teaches that, through Christ, we "*have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand.*" Our access to God is not an

occasional privilege; it is a settled position. The child of God does not approach the Lord hesitantly, hoping to be received; he stands in the realm of grace where access is already granted. Our liberty is grounded in the finished work of Christ.

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Under the Old Covenant, access to God was limited. Only the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies, only once a year, and never without blood. In Christ, the barrier is removed. Hebrews 10:19-22 declares that believers now have "*boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way.*" The liberty described here is not irreverence, but confidence rooted in the atoning work of Christ.

### ***In Christ, We Are Free to Live for God.***

According to Romans 6:18, believers have become "*servants of righteousness.*" Liberty in Christ is not independence from God but complete allegiance to Him. Romans 6:22 states, "*But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness.*" Freedom in Christ restores our true design. We were created to live for God, but sin kept us from doing so. Christian liberty straightens what sin distorted.

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In Christ, the children of God are free to pursue righteousness, yielding themselves unto God, and their members as instruments of righteousness (Romans 6:13). Liberty in Christ enables what the Law commanded but could never produce—joyful obedience to God. Believers are not simply free to do the will of God; they are free to delight in doing the will of God (Psalm 40:8).

### ***In Christ, We Are Free to Be Fruitful.***

Romans 6:22 says that those who have been "*made free from sin, and become servants to God*" now have "*fruit unto holiness.*" Liberty is not an end in itself, but the necessary condition for fruitfulness. Bondage to sin sterilizes the spiritual life, but freedom in Christ enables us to bear fruit.

*The believer is liberated to live for God with joy!*

Fruitfulness requires death to self (John 12:24). Christian liberty makes this death possible because the believer is united with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:1-4). Having died with Christ to sin's dominion, the believer is raised to walk in newness of life.

What is this fruit unto holiness? It is the evidence of the transforming work of grace, collectively known as "*the fruit of the Spirit*" (Galatians 5:22-23). It is the outward expressions of that inner transformation manifested in Christ-like character and conduct, referred to as "*the fruits of righteousness*" (Philippians 1:9-11). In short, "*the fruit unto holiness*" is the visible evidence of sanctification.

*Liberty removes the tyranny of the self-life, freeing us to live a life of fruitfulness for God's glory.*